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Red Agents' Plans To Sabotage British Ships

UNION CHIEF'S DISCLOSURE

London, Feb. 8. Union leader Arthur Deakin charged tonight that Red agents are promoting sabotage in British ships at sea as well as spark-plugging Britain's waning dock strike.

As the six-day-old wildcat strike showed signs of petering out, Mr. Deakin showed newsmen a document which he said instructs Communist agents on board ship on the technique of promoting trouble.

Mr. Deakin, who is General Secretary of the giant Transport and General Workers' Union, said the document was found on board a British ship just out of Naples. He said it made it "crystal clear that underground Communist activity is going on to involve British seamen."

The paper, headed "Agents Provocateur," read in part: "Agents themselves must suggest complaints and should not allow themselves to be chosen as a representative of those complaining. Agents must not make any direct complaints to those in authority."

The document urged agents to keep close contact with men in the ship's stewards department because "the men are either ignorant or they lack common intelligence." It added, "Such men are good subjects."

The document suggested that stewards serving ship's officers "can repeat any conversation heard while serving the officers" and can "by suggestion exaggerate statements they have overheard."

The document urges agents to seek out "the usual ship's drunkards" who "are easily handled and can cause confusion and mutual dislike."

Seamen, it added, "should be careless with ship's property and equipment," since "missing equipment can cause damage to the ship when it is needed and cannot be quickly located."

It said "agents must take precautions not to be in the engine room when damage occurs."

Mr. Deakin told newsmen: "The dockers now appreciate what I have been telling them for years. They realise they have been used as pawns by a political party which has not got its roots in this country but which is expressing the policy determined by international Communism."

Exiled King To Return

New Delhi, February 8. Exiled King Tribhuvana of Nepal is returning to his throne on February 15 and swapping his old role of a dictator's figurehead for that of a constitutional monarch, official sources said.

He has had a haven in New Delhi for three months.

Nepalese officials announced an agreement among warring factions for liberalisation of the government, a modified aristocracy headed by Prime Minister Bhanu Shamsheer Jang Bahadur Rana.

An Indian government spokesman said Caping Tribhuvana plans to fly back to his capital of Katmandu with his two wives and other members of his family to take back the throne from his three-year-old grandson, Gyanendra. The Prime Minister elevated the boy in a palace coup after splitting with the king over Tribhuvana's advocacy of more democratic rule for the Himalayan kingdom's 6,000,000 people.—Associated Press.

15 Slain In Explosion

St. Paul, Minnesota, Feb. 8.

An explosion in a mineral plant killed at least 15 persons and injured 20 others today.

An unconfirmed report said that a patrol tank near the six-storey building of the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company had blown up, damaging several other buildings nearby.

Emergency calls went out for extra doctors and blood for transfusions.—Reuter.

Ultimatum To Strikers

Washington, Feb. 8.

An Army ultimatum "work or be fired" sent droves of "sick" switchmen back to work today as the nine-day-old nationwide railway strike showed definite signs of collapsing.

The Army acted on orders from President Truman, who accused the Union leaders of behaving like a bunch of Russians. The strikers were given until 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Saturday to comply.

It said those who fail to return will be dismissed unless they can prove physical inability to work.

Many of the strikers didn't wait. They "swamped" strike-bus Chicago railways with telephone calls a few minutes after the Army issued its edict.

Many showed up on the late afternoon shifts and hundreds of cars of freight bogged down in yards started moving again.—Associated Press.

TRAWLER SUNK IN COLLISION

London, Feb. 8.

The 2,082-ton Spanish steamer Sendeja called for assistance today to search for the survivors of a small trawler sunk in a collision with the steamer off the coast of Granada, Southern Spain.

The message, picked up by Lloyds agent at Gibraltar, said that the Sendeja was undamaged.—Reuter.

Reds Trapped In Pocket Near Seoul

ALLIED FORCES MOVE IN FOR THE KILL

Eighth Army, Korea, Feb. 9.

Allied forces moved to exterminate the battered Communist forces trapped in a pocket south of Seoul today as the South Korean forces on the east recaptured Kangnung yesterday against no Red resistance.

Tanks of the hard-driving United States 25th Division jumped off again this morning toward the Korean capital which they shelled yesterday with their guns.

To their east, the UN artillery lobbed shells intermittently during the night across the Han River loop southeast of Seoul.

A counter-attack by the Reds against a small Yank task force 15 miles southeast of Seoul forced an armoured column to withdraw, but a midnight follow-up by a Red company in the same area was repulsed early this morning.

United Nations warships fired more than 775 rounds into the battle area south of Seoul and Inchon.

Other ships in the area included the Royal Navy cruiser, Belfast; the Netherlands destroyer, Evertsen; the New Zealand frigate, Tullim; the Royal Navy frigate, Black Swan; and the United States destroyer, Hank.

On the east coast, bombardment forces, including the Australian destroyer, War-ranunga and the US destroyers, Lind and Borie, fired in support of ROK troops in the Kangnung area.

An Eighth Army communiqué said today that United Nations forces repulsed three night attacks in a fighting which ended by 12.15 this morning. The attacks occurred 15 miles southeast of Seoul and at point 11 and 14 miles east of Hoengsong.

The communiqué said the enemy attacked United Nations forces 15 miles north-east of Seoul and at point 11 and 14 miles east of Hoengsong.

Frozen Dead But Still Alive

Woman's Condition Amazes Doctors

Chicago, Feb. 8. A young woman was found frozen in an alley today and astonished doctors said she was alive but in a state of "deep freeze," almost like rigor mortis.

Doctors at Michael Reese Hospital sought desperately to revive her. They said they had never heard of another case like it. They said her temperature was 84 degrees, compared with the normal temperature of 98.6. They said no one has ever been known to live with a body temperature lower than 80 degrees.

The woman, identified as Miss Dorothy Mae Stevens, 23, was found in the alley by Edward Fulton, a janitor. He notified the police who assumed that the woman was dead and took her to the hospital for confirmation before taking her to the morgue.

RULE RATE OF 13
Dr. Harold Laufen, assistant professor of surgery at Northwestern University who was on duty at the hospital, discovered that she was alive. He said she was breathing at the rate of only three times a minute. The normal is 18 to 22 times a minute.

Her pulse was 12 compared with the normal of 70 or 80. Doctors said. The surgeons opened a hole in her throat to facilitate breathing and administered medicine which raised her temperature slightly.

They said she might have to have her legs and arms amputated if she survives. At present she is in the hospital watched or followed the case in amazement. They said that tests had shown that animals could not live with a body temperature below 75 degrees.

The temperature in Chicago was nine degrees below zero at the time the woman was found. It has not been determined, however, whether the severe cold could have been entirely responsible for her condition. Doctors yelled in her ear and she seemed to stir.—United Press.

The Deadly Napalm Bomb Strikes Target



Govt. Survives Censure

NOISY HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATE

London, Feb. 8.

The Labour government beat down by eight votes tonight a Conservative Party attempt to force it out of office by blaming Labour for Britain's meagre meat rations.

It was the second unsuccessful Conservative challenge in two days and the third in a week.

Tonight's vote was 306-298. Liberal Party members joined the Conservatives in voting against the government, as they did last night when the Labourites turned back by 10 votes a Conservative attack aimed at reversing the government's policy on nationalising the steel industry.

Defeats might have forced Mr. Attlee's resignation and new elections. The Labourites cheered briefly when tonight's results were announced. Apparently they anticipated the outcome.

But the Conservatives, led by Mr. Winston Churchill, have warned that they will seek at every turn to defeat Labour and bring on a new election which they say will result in a Tory victory.

British Troops In Action

Tokyo, Feb. 9.

British troops are moving forward in the United Nations "glow march" offensive in Korea and news of them in action may be released officially very shortly.

So far no mention of the British 27th and 29th Brigade troops has been made in front line despatches during the present northwards drive as they have been in reserve.

But their guns have joined in the massed United Nations artillery barrage, the greatest since El Alamein, which is softening up the Chinese Reds' fanatical resistance in hills dominating the United Nations route to Seoul, the South Korean capital.

In the past 24 hours United Nations tanks edged to within four miles of Seoul and took the rubble and dust city under their gunfire.

Tank crews had painted weird dragons and tigers on the front of their tanks to frighten the superstitious Chinese in a new kind of "war of nerves" as the United Nations answer to bugles and whistles used by the Chinese in their attacks.

And the United Nations air force has also started a new action against the Chinese and North Koreans' supply routes with what they call their "secret weapon"—one and three quarter inch galvanised roofing nails. The Air Force during the past few days has dropped nearly 4,000,000 such nails on the Reds' main supply roads, said Colonel Stanton Smith, Chief of the United States 8th Air Force operations. "It is simple but effective. Trucks run over the nails and get punctured tyres. That halts a convoy and then our fighters strafe them."

He claimed that over 80 trucks had been knocked out by these nails—about 80,000 nails per truck casualty.

RUR Tommies Released

Tokyo, Feb. 9.

Six British soldiers of the Royal Ulster Rifles were among 37 well-fed, well-dressed, healthy United Nations soldiers who walked into an American divisional headquarters in the Korean western front sector early today after release by their Communist captors.

The group included 10 Americans and 15 South Koreans. The men reported that their captors had given them a "far-out party" last night, then taken them to within three miles of the American lines and released them at about midnight. They reached the headquarters about two hours later.—Reuter.

President Unaware Of Request

Washington, Feb. 8.

President Truman said today that he has seen no recommendation from General Douglas MacArthur that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist troops be released for use in Korea and on the Chinese mainland.

This was in response to a news conference question based on news dispatches from Tokyo. Informal sources there reported on Tuesday that General MacArthur has asked Washington to bring Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist troops on to the Korean fighting. The same persons indicated that General MacArthur also believes the Nationalists should get US support for a thrust at the mainland.

Such a request presumably would go to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and reach the White House only after clearing that body and the Secretary of Defense, Mr. George Marshall. Presumably, too, adoption of such a recommendation would be a matter to be taken up with the United Nations.

In the brief news conference discussion on this angle, a reporter asked Mr. Truman whether General MacArthur advises him on foreign policy.

Mr. Truman gave a "no comment" answer to that one, and then went on to say that the President acts in the foreign policy field.—Associated Press.

Ex-Shanghaiander Dies In US

Washington, Feb. 8.

Bruce Smith, formerly prominent American businessman in the Orient with headquarters in Shanghai, died today of a heart attack. He had been living here since the Reds took Shanghai.—Associated Press.

Communist Convicted Of Perjury

New York, Feb. 8.

William W. Remington, one-time rising young star in the US Commerce Department, was sentenced today to five years in prison today for perjury. In denying he ever was a Communist. He also was ordered to pay a US\$2,000 fine.

The penalty imposed by Federal Judge Gregory F. Noonan, after a lengthy trial reminiscent of the Alger Hiss case, was the maximum possible.

Remington, convicted on Wednesday night by a jury of seven women and five men, still vowed his innocence in a dramatic court room speech just before sentence was pronounced.

The defence appealed the case immediately. Hardly three hours later, the tall 33-year-old defendant was released until Friday in US\$5,000 temporary bail authorised by Judge L. Hand of the US Appeals Court over prosecution objections. Remington smilingly left for his home.

A full three-judge court will decide on Friday whether bail will be continued until the appeals case is heard, probably in two or three months.—Associated Press.

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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Country's Interests At Stake

THE British Socialist Government survived the Tory censure motion on the Nationalisation of Steel Bill, but whether it can preen itself on retaining the full confidence of the electorate in consequence is extremely doubtful. Whatever authority was given to the Socialists by the electors in 1945 to carry out an extensive programme of nationalisation of basic industries was largely dissipated by the outcome of the 1949 elections which saw Labour returned by a slim, non-working majority. In part the outcome of those elections was a popular repudiation of nationalisation—a point which the Opposition has never since tired of hammering home. State ownership of the steel industry, however, had been formally approved by the first post-war Socialist Government and implementation of the measure delayed only because of a gentleman's agreement. Wherefore the Socialists now argue that it is only right and proper the Bill should be given effect. They endeavour to substantiate this attitude by insisting that the events of the day and the urgency created by the international situation demand that the government should have exclusive control over the purchase, distribution and use of raw materials associated with the steel industry; they claim that now, more than ever before, is the government in the best position to administer to the defence requirements of the country through control of basic industries such as coal and steel. The Opposition reply is a scornful denial of these claims and a contention that this is, in reality, the worst possible moment to tinker with an industry which has so many ramifications and therefore vitally affects the delicate precision of the nation's economy. The arguments make fine debating points most of which are probably lost on the minds of the rank and file electors. They are

impressed by results and it is here that the Socialist Government is hard put to justify its latest nationalisation programme. Railways and transport which have become state controlled are steadily losing money each year; the coal industry's balance sheets for the past three years have been anything but impressive. There may have been no loss in efficiency, but it has cost a much higher price than when these enterprises were unshackled by official controls. And whatever the Socialists may claim in the way of theoretical advantages to be derived from state ownership, the general public has no particular liking for nationalisation. The weakness of Government's present case over the nationalising of steel is its inability to demonstrate its value to the nation at this time. In the House of Commons Mr. Strauss defended the government's position, but only in terms of insisting that as the measure was already on the Statute Book there was no reason for any further delay in its implementation—a not very convincing argument. The Opposition challenge, quite naturally, follows the line that if the Socialists went to the country, as they should, for a vote of confidence on the decision to nationalise steel, they would be repudiated. Moreover, on this single issue, the Tories would probably prove to be correct. But in final analysis it is not so much the merits or demerits of state ownership which concern, but to what extent its application to such a vital and vital industry as steel is likely to upset both the economy of the country and the necessary measures which have now to be taken for marshalling the defences of Britain and Western Europe. If either are adversely affected the Government will stand condemned for insisting on adopting a piece of party legislation at the expense of the interests of the nation.

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AIR BASE NETWORK FORECAST

Washington, Feb. 8.

The United States may be planning to set up a chain of air bases in the Middle East, observers here said today.

The Secretary of the Air Force, Mr. Thomas K. Finletter, left by plane yesterday on what was called a visit to Turkey for a first-hand view of the results of the American military aid programme there.

But observers said today that as he was not due in Ankara until next Tuesday, he would have time for several stops on the way. He has urged the expansion of the air base network in Europe and the Middle East.

There have also been recent Press reports from Britain and France that air bases would be made available to the United States under the North Atlantic defence pact.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said yesterday that negotiations were under way for bases in North Africa and the Middle East.

Mr. Acheson gave no locations or other details.

The United States already has authority to operate from three bases in this general area — the Navy at Port Lyautey, in French Morocco, and the Air Force at Tripoli, on the Mediterranean coast, and at Dahrin, in Saudi Arabia.

These agreements are carry-overs from World War II. American Navy and diplomatic officers are reported to be negotiating at Port Lyautey for a large-scale extension of the existing facilities there and at Casablanca. — Reuter.

Offensive Against Huks

Manila, Feb. 9.

The Philippine Army said 3,000 government troops, attempting to sweep Communist Hukbalahaps out of the Mount Arayat area of Central Luzon, killed 28 and captured 30 in an encounter.

Mount Arayat, for years a Huk stronghold, rises from the plains of Pampanga Province 40 miles north of Manila.

An Army headquarters spokesman gave no details of the battle which he said occurred yesterday.

The 14th Battalion Combat Team reported killing 12 Huks and capturing two yesterday in several skirmishes in Rizal Province, just east of Manila.

The Constabulary announced it has arrested 45 persons at the Pampanga Province town of Angeles, adjoining US Clark Field, on suspicion of affiliation with Huks. — Associated Press.

Paper Mills To Reserve Newsprint

Washington, Feb. 8.

The National Production Authority today ordered paper mills to reserve for Government use five percent of their monthly newsprint production and up to ten percent of other types of paper.

The N.P.A. said the order was "not expected to reduce the amount of paper available for civilian consumption. The mills are to hold reserves for the first ten days of each month. If the reserves are not purchased for Government use within that period, they will be released for private commercial orders.

The N.P.A. said that if producers failed to accept Government paper orders voluntarily, it will issue directives requiring them to do so. The Authority said the order was designed to make possible the handling of Government orders with the least possible disruption to normal paper production and distribution.

The order affects an estimated 300 to 400 manufacturers. — United Press.

Red China Voted In



Red China won a cold war battle in Cairo when a vote in the Universal Postal Union seated the Peking delegation in the current session. Both the Nationalist and Communist Chinese delegations refused to leave the conference room, claiming that each considered itself China's rightful representative. Finally they agreed to leave the room pending a vote, which resulted in five for Peking, three for Taipei, three abstentions and one spoiled ballot. Photo shows the Red delegation. — AP Picture.

Wartime Emergency Powers In Britain To Be Revived

London, Feb. 8.

Powers given to the British Government during the war are to be made law for the nation's new rearmament drive, it was revealed today.

Parliament will be asked to approve a new Bill permitting certain wartime controls and restrictions.

They will be used, the Government says, to cover the provision of supplies and services needed in the defence "of any part of His Majesty's Dominions or any territory under His Majesty's protection," or "for the maintenance or restoration of peace and security in any part of the world, or for any measures arising out of a breach or apprehended breach of peace in any part of the world."

Wide powers were given to the Government during the war, including the right to detain "subversive elements" and authority to direct labour from "luxury" jobs to vital industries.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told Parliament last month that controls on the distribution of materials and the allocation of manpower might be necessary for the nation's £4,700 million arms drive. The new Bill will ensure that the Government's right to use these powers in peace time cannot be questioned.

It will be legal for the Government to close roads near defence plants where this is necessary and to prevent vital supplies being sold "in a manner prejudicial to defence."

But it is expressly stated that there will be no right to suppress any newspaper, periodical, book or other publication, though this power existed in the last war. — Reuter.

HOLLYWOOD STARS LAMPOONED

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 8.

The Lampoon, the Harvard University's undergraduate humorous magazine, has declared actress Elizabeth Taylor "the most objectionable ingenue" in films last year.

It credited her with "the worst female performance of the year" for her performance in "The Conspirator."

Among the men Clifton Webb received a similar "award" for his performance in "Cheaper by the Dozen."

The Lampoon also dubbed Miss Taylor and Dean Stockwell "the most objectionable movie children of the year."

The year's happiest event for them was "Shirley Temple's announced retirement from the movies."

The editors said that they would make an annual "award" to the actor or actress who, in the previous year, had "shown these qualities of perseverance, leadership and personal integrity which have helped to make Hollywood what it is today." — Reuter.

Mr Ivar Lunde

Haifa, Feb. 8.

Mr Ivar Lunde, Norway's first Charge d'Affaires in Israel, arrived here today from Athens. Mr Lunde, who will represent his country in both Israel and Greece, was formerly the Norwegian First Secretary at Moscow. — Reuter.

Security Plans For Pacific: Dulles To Present Views

Mr John Foster Dulles was expected today to tell Australian, New Zealand and Philippine leaders next week that any security plans for the Pacific will have to be on a multilateral basis and America will not shoulder the entire responsibility for protecting them against aggression.

The United Press also learned from a reliable source that Mr Dulles would try to convince officials to take a realistic view point toward limited rearmament of Japan. Mr Dulles made it clear during conferences here with Japanese officials that the United States does not plan to be Japan's military "big brother" forever.

He indicated the United States is willing to keep a screening force of American troops here after the occupation ends but only until Japan is able to defend herself individually or collectively with other Pacific nations.

It is practically certain that if a peace treaty is signed under the present seven provisions outlined by the United States, Japan could build a military force for its own protection. Mr Dulles' statements indicated the United States feels this military force can be channelled safely into a multilateral arrangement with Japan — onetime nemesis against Communism.

Mr Dulles' efforts to gain this point of view to Australian, New Zealand and Philippine officials will be greatly aided by the actions of New Zealand's Prime Minister, Mr Sidney Holland in Washington the past few days. Mr Holland has said he — and representing his government — looked with favour upon limited Japanese rearmament and the conclusion of some sort of Pacific pact at the same time as the peace treaty is signed.

Mr Holland's opinion is expected here to carry weight in discussions in Manila, Canberra and Wellington.

Sources here indicated Mr Holland's sentiments would place greater emphasis on Pacific Pact discussions and possibly result in some concrete suggestions by Mr Dulles when he returns to Washington.

MAY OFFER BASES

Proposals for the stationing of American troops in Allied countries are unlikely at this time but there is a possibility they may offer bases for American planes and ships. Manus Island off the north coast of New Guinea has been one unofficial suggestion.

Agreements along this line would have to be made in conjunction with the military leaders in Washington but the idea fits in with the theory of a "screening force" of American might around the periphery of Communism. Such a screening force would not be able to contain full-scale aggression everywhere but would make an intentional aggressor pause before becoming involved with the United States and her retentive force.

In addition to the rearmament question, Philippine President Elpidio Quirino is expected to bring up the following points with Mr Dulles on Monday:

1. Philippine reparations claims against Japan amounting to \$8,000,000,000 pesos (\$4,000,000,000).
2. A reliable source said Mr Dulles is expected to tell the Philippines bluntly to forget about reparations payment from current Japanese production. This would be "unrealistic" and would do more harm to Japan trying to get on her feet than it would do good for the Philippines. It is not known how strongly the United States will defend this particular provision of its seven-point memorandum, but if she refused to change and Philippine officials refuse to forget reparations the Philippines could not conclude a treaty at the same time as the United States.
3. Economic rehabilitation and development of Japan would have to come under separate agreements negotiated either at the same time as the peace treaty or later with the countries involved.
4. Fishing rights for Japan after the treaty undoubtedly would be the same for her as other countries. She would have equal rights on the high seas and could have negotiated

fishing treaties with other interested countries.

An additional point — emigration by Japanese to the South Pacific — may be brought up by Australia, but here again the matter could have to be negotiated with interested countries after a treaty is concluded. — United Press.

SENATE MEETING

Manila, Feb. 8.

President Quirino on Thursday called for a meeting on Friday of members of the Senate and House Foreign Affairs committees to discuss the Philippines stand on the projected peace for Japan.

The meeting was called in preparation for a conference between President Quirino and the United States' special envoy, Mr John Foster Dulles, who is scheduled to arrive late on Sunday from Tokyo.

It was believed the conference between the President and the Senate and House committees, which will be held at 10 a.m. in Malacanang Palace, will also discuss other questions involving Japan, notably the Philippines' claim for reparations totalling 8,000,000,000 pesos.

A United Press report from Tokyo that Mr Dulles was expected to tell the Philippines to forget its reparations claims against Japan was greeted with "no comment" by the Malacanang and the Foreign Office.

Government spokesmen said they preferred not to make any comment until after Mr Dulles' conferences here.

A Malacanang spokesman indicated Mr Dulles would be given an opportunity to confer with Senate President M. Jesus Cuenco, and Speaker Eugenio Perez and other leaders of Congress.

Mr Dulles will confer with Mr Quirino on Monday. — United Press.

New Zealand Stands On Own Feet

Washington, Feb. 8.

New Zealand's Prime Minister, Mr Sidney Holland, emphasised to President Truman today that "New Zealand is used to standing on her own feet." And when he told the President he had no requests to make "Mr Truman held up his hand and saluted me," Mr Holland told reporters following his 15-minute conference.

It also told Mr. Truman, that New Zealand intends to stand shoulder to shoulder with the United States in the present world crisis. I extended to President Truman an official invitation to visit New Zealand when circumstances permitted.

"Mr Truman then told me he had planned to visit New Zealand some time ago but it did not go off," he hoped he would be able to visit New Zealand. — United Press.

Fritz Thyssen Dead

Buenos Aires, Feb. 8.

The German community newspaper Die Freie Presse informed the United Press on Thursday it had received the funeral notice of the death of Fritz Thyssen, 78, the famous German industrial magnate.

The paper said he died of a heart attack on Thursday morning at his home in the Martinez suburb. — United Press.

China Invasion Pooh-Poohed

Washington, Feb. 8.

Admiral Arthur Radford, Pacific Fleet Commander, said today that neither the Chinese Nationalists nor the Communists have heavy naval ships necessary to make a major amphibious attack.

He told reporters at a Pentagon briefing that the Chinese Communists have only small craft. The United States has given the Chinese Nationalists a few warships, including destroyers, but it is not known how many of them they still retain. — United Press.

Atomic Tests Theories

Washington, Feb. 8.

The Chairman of the Senate-House Atomic Committee, Senator Brien McMahon, said today that the Nevada atomic tests had "widespread implication" in military strategy, tactics and civil defence.

He said: "The Nevada operation has definitely enlarged our knowledge of atomic weapons — how they function and how they may be used for various purposes."

His statement gave emphasis to a report that the recent tests had substantially increased America's knowledge of making and firing atomic artillery shells and guided missiles.

This report came from a source close to the atomic development scheme, whose identity cannot be revealed.

It is still not known whether any atomic shells were exploded during the tests.

Senator McMahon referred to the blasts only as "experimental nuclear detonations." He said they compared with the 1948 test at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific "as a landmark in the American development of atomic energy for national defence." — Reuter.

RADIO-ACTIVE SNOW

Washington, Feb. 8.

Radio-active snow fell in Washington yesterday, the United States Bureau of Standards said today.

It said that it could have been caused by the recent atom tests near Las Vegas, Nevada.

The snow was harmless and contained only a minute fraction of radio-activity, it added. — Reuter.

Huge Red Casualties In Korea

Washington, Feb. 8.

A military spokesman today estimated Communist battle casualties in the Korean fighting at more than 525,000 through Jan. 25. Officially reported United States casualties — not counting those whose next of kin had not yet been notified — totalled 47,388 through Feb. 2.

The Red casualty estimate comprised 184,000 Chinese dead and wounded, 254,000 North Korean dead and wounded, 136,848 North Korean prisoners of war, and 610 Chinese prisoners.

The spokesman did not give any estimate for non-combat casualties due to disease and frostbite. An Army spokesman last week said a typhus epidemic had caused several thousand deaths among Communist soldiers. — United Press.

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STOP MY HANDS!

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I THINK I DO.

CONTINUED

Hopes For A Solution Of War In Korea

Canadian Attitude

Ottawa, Feb. 8. A Government source indicated today that Canada placed rising hopes for peace in Asia on the United Nations' military successes in Korea and was prepared to urge the United Nations forces to halt their present advance at the 38th Parallel.

It was reported that the Government felt the automatic halt of the advance on the disputed parallel would create a "de facto cease-fire", resulting in the lowering of tension and a more favourable atmosphere for renewed attempts at negotiations.

There were indications that this attitude had partly prompted the External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, to decline to serve on the new United Nations Good Offices Committee. In general, sources indicated that the Government felt it would be unwise to press formally for a new cease-fire proposal at this time.

Although there have been no international discussions of the question, it was understood Canada hoped that reports that the U.S. military commanders intended to halt their advance at the 38th Parallel were true.

Mr. Pearson would not comment directly, but he told reporters he felt the United Nations should treat that problem with care if it arises. Canada would continue to oppose immediate sanctions against Red China or even consideration of them by the Collective Measures Committee until the Good Offices Committee has reported.—United Press.

"Point Four" Aid For Afghans

Washington, Feb. 8. The State Department announced today that it has signed a "Point Four" agreement with Afghanistan. It was learned that the United States will send two engineers to Afghanistan to advise the government on the production and marketing of coal and mineral resources.—United Press.

Presents Credentials

Madrid, Feb. 8. Dr. Otto Wilhelm Winter, the new Swedish Minister to Madrid, presented his credentials to General Franco today.—Reuter.

Bormann Story Draws Denial

Santiago, Chile, Feb. 8. The alleged capture of Hitler's deputy, Martin Bormann, near Valparaiso by Chilean police and American F.B.I. agents, reported in a Santiago evening paper two weeks ago, has proved completely unfounded.

Bormann, for many years head of Hitler's party chancellery, became deputy leader of the Nazi Party after Rudolf Hess's flight to Scotland in 1941.

In October the British Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Ernest Davies, stated in Parliament that there was no reason to believe that Bormann was alive, in spite of reports from all over the world that he had been seen since his disappearance after the war.—Reuter.

COLD WAVE HITS U.S.

Chicago, Feb. 8. A cold wave gripped the mid-West today while icy northwest winds sent temperatures skidding on the Atlantic seaboard from Maine to Florida.

Frigid air waves sweeping south and east from Canada forced the mercury to 33 below at Grantsburg, Wisconsin, and New York's LaGuardia airport with 70-mile per hour gusts of wind. The Northern Great Plains and north Atlantic States were blanketed with snow.

Texas and the area west of the Rockies were the only region untouched by the cold.

Marked temperature drops occurred along the Atlantic coast. At Washington, the mercury skidded from 55 on Wednesday to 12 above on Thursday and at New York a reading of 16 replaced Wednesday's 52.

Freezing weather gripped Mississippi, Alabama and northern Florida.—United Press.

Helen Keller Going To South Africa

New York, Feb. 9. Helen Keller, 70, will leave next week for her first visit to the Union of South Africa and Northern and Southern Rhodesia.

The noted blind and deaf educator will sail on the Queen Elizabeth and spend about a week in the United Kingdom before going to Africa.

She told newsmen she hoped to address meetings and inspect schools and institutions for both deaf and blind.—United Press.

Steamship Company Wins Its Appeal

Amsterdam, Feb. 8. The Royal Dutch Steam Packet Company won its appeal today against an order to pay a 250,000 guilders fine for every KPM ship that continued to carry Indonesian Government troops to the self-proclaimed South Moluccas Republic.

The President of the Amsterdam High Court ruled that the case was outside the jurisdiction of the Amsterdam District Court, which made the original order, and the order was therefore null and void.

He also declared himself incompetent to rule in the case, which had been brought by the South Moluccas Republic's Bureau in The Hague.

The President of the High Court, in passing judgment, said that the Indonesian Republic, whose troops were affected by the District Court ruling, was an internationally recognized sovereign State which, according to international law, could not be subjected to Court rulings in another sovereign State except if the State concerned had voluntarily accepted such rulings.

"A Dutch judge, however unlawfully he may consider to be the acts of war and aggression of the Indonesian Republic against the South Moluccas Republic, and in spite of the fact that these acts may be contrary to the basic human rights and liberties, is not competent to pass judgment on such acts," he added.

The Amsterdam District Court made its ruling last November six months after the South Moluccas had proclaimed their independence from Indonesia.

The President of the District Court imposed the following month a 250,000 guilders fine on the shipping line because one of its ships had carried Indonesian troops to Ambon, the last stronghold of the South Moluccas Republic, while fighting between Indonesian and South Moluccas troops was still going on.

The shipping company's Counsel at the time asserted that fighting had ended and that the troops were "occupation forces sent to relieve troops that had been in action."—Reuter.

Assets Rule Relaxed

Washington, Feb. 8. The United States on Thursday withdrew the requirement that Chinese Nationalist diplomats report the assets they have in this country.

The original order requiring the registration of non-Communist Chinese private holdings was issued on December 17, when Chinese Red assets in the United States were frozen.

A State Department spokesman told reporters that the State and Treasury departments "had decided after careful consideration" that the order "should not apply to holders of diplomatic and official passports of the Chinese Nationalist government."—United Press.

New Status Of Tunisia

Tunis, Feb. 8. An agreement aimed at the gradual transformation of the French protectorate of Tunisia into a self-governing state within the French Union was made effective here today.

The reforms introduced were described by a French spokesman as "marking an historical turning point in the relations between France and Tunisia" which has been a French protectorate since 1885.

Essence of the agreement was reflected in decrees published by the Boy of Tunis today providing for greater independence of the Prime Minister of the Tunisian Government and throwing open doors of the civil service for the first time to Tunisians.—Reuter.

Switzerland Mourns



Children of the little Swiss village of Vals carry wreaths of flowers past the wreckage left by the avalanche for the funeral service for the 19 victims of the disaster. The village was entirely cut off by the avalanche; the first jeep to get through brought with it fresh flowers for the wreaths. — London Express Service.

Taft Attack On "Dictatorship" By President

Washington, Feb. 8. Senator Robert Taft demanded today that Congress and not President Truman determine how many American troops should be assigned to the unified North Atlantic pact army.

Senator Taft told the Senate that President Truman apparently claims authority to send troops anywhere he wishes. He added: "This is a straight demand for a simple dictatorship and a claim of power which no president has ever had in time of peace."

Mr. Taft suggested that Congress limit American troop contributions to Europe to no more than one division to every nine foreign divisions—five American divisions in the projected 50-division army. He also tentatively advanced the proposal that Congress limit to not more than 20 percent the total of the United States land army the troops which could be stationed in Europe in peace time, and not more than ten percent of the United States Air Force.

Senator Taft made these points.

1. General Dwight Eisenhower told Congressional committees that even he was uncertain if any troop commitment was made at the recent Brussels conference and that Congress had been unable to obtain any reliable information.

2. General Eisenhower's own status is beclouded, but apparently he is an appointee of the Atlantic Pact Powers and answerable to the international organization rather than to President Truman or the United States high command. The President cannot delegate his own command functions to foreign governments.

3. The Administration will claim that to reveal details would be to disclose "top secret" information to the enemy but within one week every newspaper columnist in the United States will know the troop figures.

CONTRACT NEEDED

4. It seems clear that even the President's power to carry out the Atlantic Pact's mutual defense commitment rests upon a declaration of war by Congress because such action would "involve us in war."

5. Any yielding to the President on the power to involve the nation in war would "arouse the undying opposition of every man who believes in the main-

tenance in this country of a government by the people."

6. A binding contract should be drawn governing what the Allied powers individually will contribute in troops and this could be lawful only if approved by Congress. He said, "If the President undertakes to make promises which he has no right to make, I feel no obligation to support those promises."

7. Senator Paul Douglas (Democrat, Illinois) and others somewhat exaggerate the danger of an unsuccessful war in Europe but the United States is vitally concerned in the continued freedom of the Pacific countries.

8. Unless the Europeans are willing to do 50 percent of the defense jobs, no integrated army can succeed. United States sea and air support plus five divisions, would make this country do half the job and that figure would rise to 30 percent if this country provided half the land army.

HAZY PROGRAMME

9. The whole defence programme is very hazy and it would take at least 75 divisions to hold Denmark and the British and American Zones in Western Germany. It is useless to talk about defending an Elbe River line.

Senator Taft suggested that the Pact powers consider a definite intention to Russia that an attack by a Soviet satellite in Europe would be regarded as an attack by Russia itself. He also said the Pact powers should adopt a policy regarding reaction to any attack on Yugoslavia, so that "snap judgment is not taken at some midnight conference."

Senator Taft reiterated previous statements that efforts to form a huge land army in Europe might bankrupt the United States and lead to ever-increasing military manpower calls at home.

While disclaiming any idea that he was "defeatist," Senator Taft said "Western Europe should be required to do much more on its own hook" before we attempt to establish a military position with an integrated army."—United Press.

War Criminals To Return

Tokyo, Feb. 8. Eighteen Japanese war criminals who completed their sentences and seven who were acquitted in war crimes trials will return from Australia and Burma soon, according to the Kyodo news agency today.

Among those who were acquitted by an Australian War Crimes Court is former General Masataka Yamawaki.—Reuter.

Clementis Mystery Deepens

London, Feb. 8. The mystery of the whereabouts of Dr. Vladimir Clementis, the former Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, deepened tonight as Yugoslav officials kept silent on reports of his arrival in Belgrade.

Dr. Clementis, dismissed from the Foreign Ministry and given a high post in the State Bank, has been "missing" from Prague a week ago.

High Austrian sources believed this morning that he had flown from Bratislava to Munich, where he asked for Allied permission to go to Yugoslavia.

This permission was granted and he arrived in Yugoslavia yesterday by way of Western Austria, these sources said, adding that Dr. Clementis had applied to Marshal Tito for asylum.

However, the United States Intelligence authorities in Germany know nothing of these reports and "were still in the dark" as to whether Dr. Clementis had either arrived in or left West Germany in the past few days.

An American High Commission spokesman in Frankfurt said that as far as he knew, no application had been received from Dr. Clementis, nor was any permit issued.—Reuter.

IN THE DARK

Frankfurt, Feb. 8. United States Intelligence authorities in Germany said today that they were still "in the dark" about reports that the former Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, Dr. Clementis, had either arrived in or left West Germany in the past few days.

They know nothing to confirm a report that Dr. Clementis had flown to Munich from Bratislava to obtain permission from the Allied authorities to go on to Yugoslavia, where the latest reports put the missing former Minister.

An American High Commission spokesman told Reuter that as far as he knew no application had been received from Dr. Clementis nor was any permit issued.

Intelligence officers thought that the Czech Minister might have entered Germany without the knowledge of the authorities and had been smuggled through Austria to Yugoslavia, but they had nothing to confirm it.—Reuter.

Returns In Gold Coast Election

Accra, Feb. 8. The Convention People's Party won 30 of the 33 rural seats in the Gold Coast and Ashanti Provinces in the first stage of the Gold Coast general election today.

The United Gold Coast Convention Party won the remaining three seats from the other two parties—the National Democrats and the Asante Kotoko.

The Convention People's Party had a clean sweep in Ashanti, winning all 12 seats. The Party's leader, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, is meanwhile still in Accra Gaol for trying to organize a general strike.

Police armed with tear-gas bombs were on guard in case election crowds should try to storm the prison.—Reuter.

Pneumonia Toll

London, Feb. 8. The British Medical Journal reported on Thursday that in the first four weeks of this year influenza and pneumonia killed 7,071 people in Britain, more than a fivefold increase over last year.

The journal added that the national outbreak seemed to be slowing down.—United Press.

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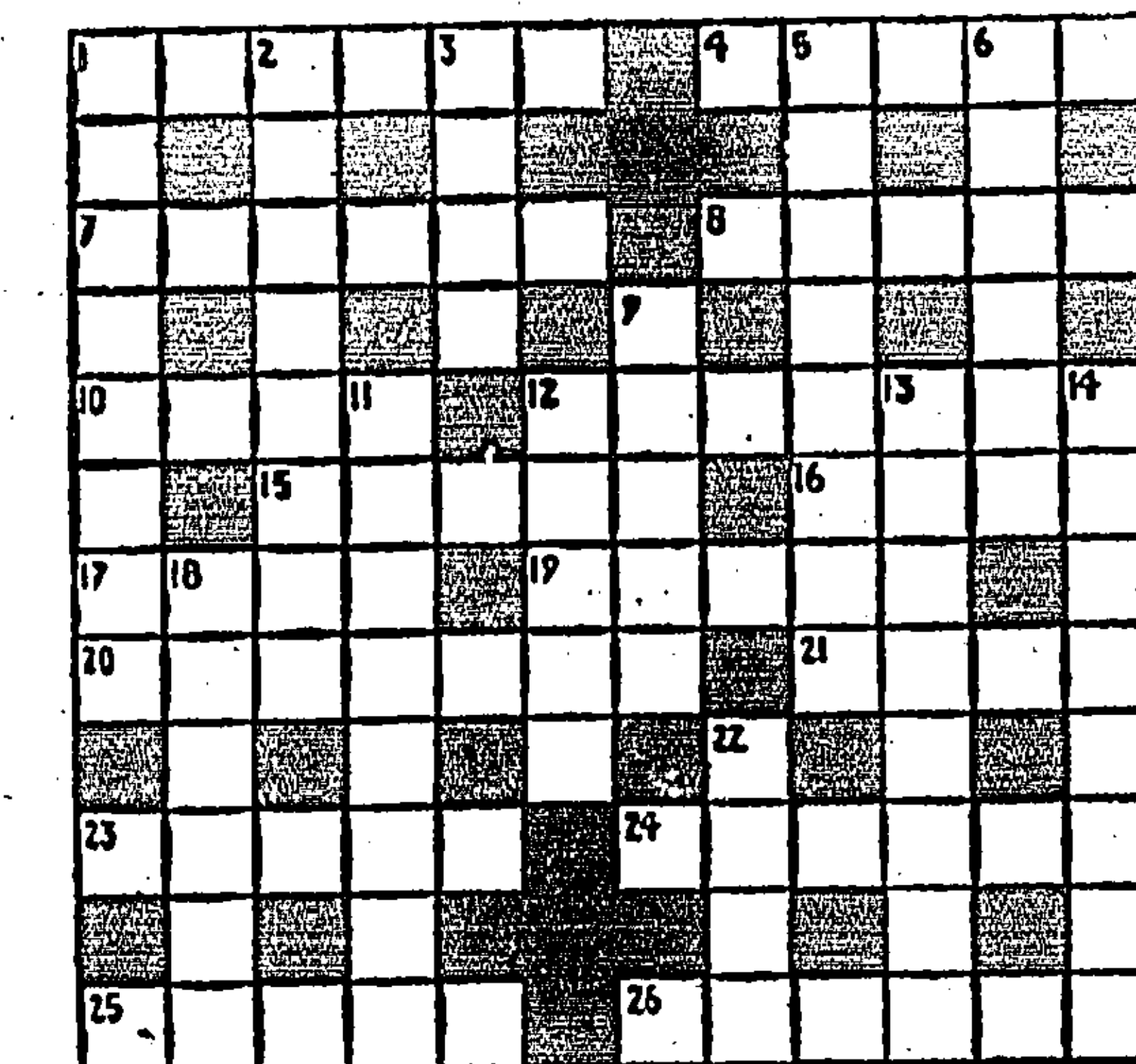
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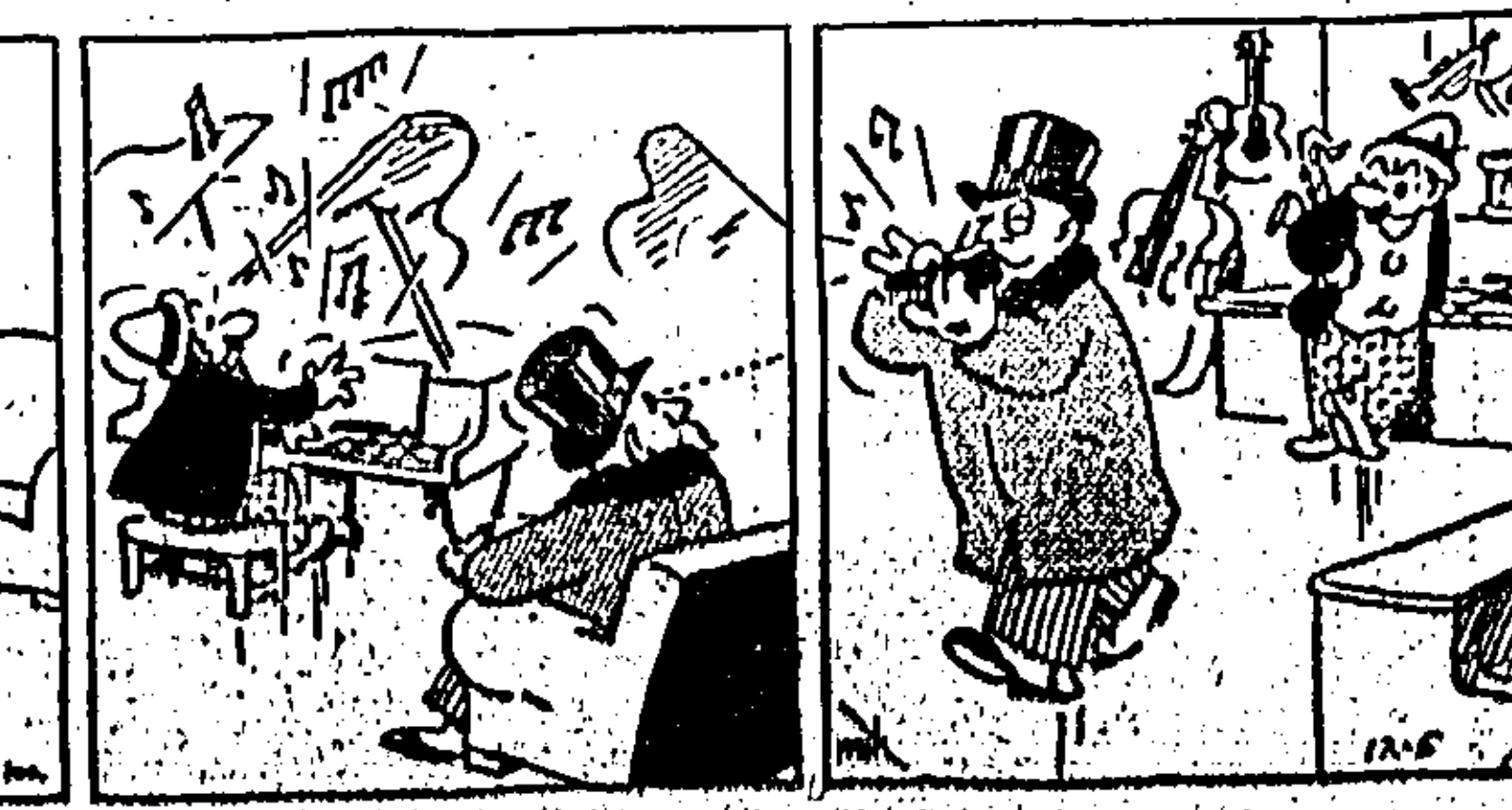


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 - 4 Stanza.
 - 7 Reveal.
 - 8 Child.
 - 10 Related.
 - 12 Specimens.
 - 15 Poison.
 - 16 Lean over.
 - 17 Prophet.
 - 19 Surround.
 - 20 Writers.
 - 21 Judge.
 - 23 Weak.
 - 24 Period.
- DOWN**
- 2 Carved.
 - 6 Breakwater.
 - 1 Lady of rank.
 - 3 Reform.
 - 9 Omit.
 - 5 Trod.
 - 6 Changes.
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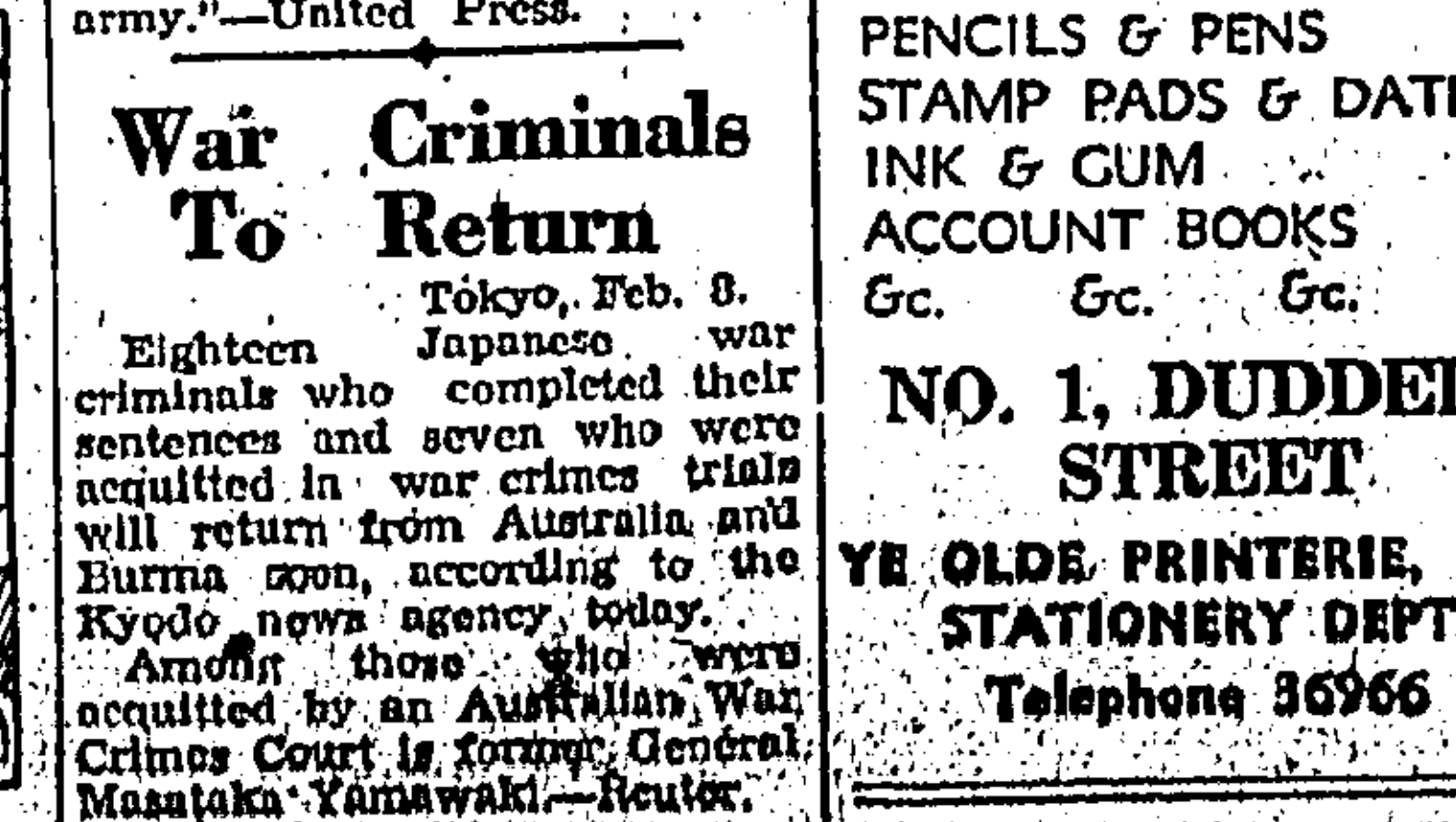
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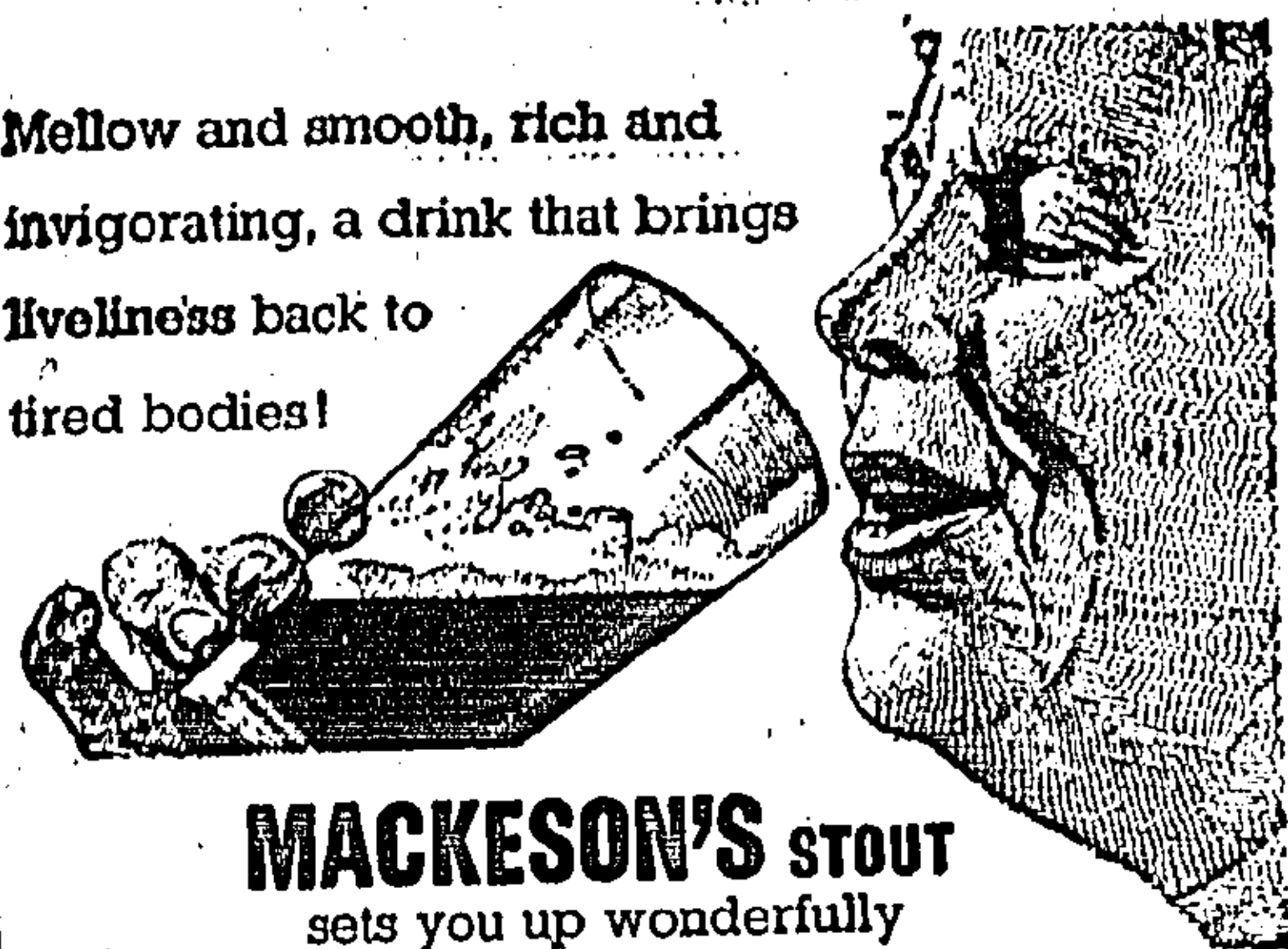
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SOME people are always struggling against a tendency to put on weight, but for most of us our weight is quite astonishingly constant.

We give the body varying amounts of food—a five-course dinner one night, and bread and cheese the next. We may take it up a mountain on Sunday, and hardly stir out of a chair on Monday.

And yet in spite of this the weight scarcely varies by more than 0.5 percent in 24 hours. No engineer would care to design a machine to do that!

This constancy is so striking that scientists have suggested that it must be related to something external. There are plenty of parallels for such an idea.

Birds begin to mate in the spring when the light falling on their necks reaches a certain intensity. Our own temperature is controlled by our response to external heat and cold. But what external influence might affect weight?

The British scientist Professor Dodds has suggested that it might be gravity, and he has carried out some experiments to test this theory. He persuaded some volunteers to wear gas-filled balloons strapped on to their arms, so as to reduce the pull of gravity.

He thought rats might be more amenable, and he dressed some rats in chain mail and put them under a magnet. Unfortunately, this experiment, too, proved impracticable.

Undeterred, he then attempted the opposite experiment and weighted volunteers down with sandbags.

They lost a pound or so in 24 hours, which suggests that increasing the pull of gravity does tend to reduce the weight, but the mathematics of making allowance for the extra effort of supporting sandbags were so complicated that again the results could not be considered definite.

Perhaps Professor Dodds may pursue these experiments further one day, and then we may know more about whether our weight depends on gravity or not.

Not mere vanity

IN the meantime, the slimming problem has to be tackled by rather less exotic means. And let nobody dismiss slimming as mere vanity. Slimming is important to health, as well as to appearance.

People who are too fat are liable to a variety of diseases, from flat feet to bronchitis.

One stone over the normal weight in people of middle-age shortens the expectation of life by about 10 percent. Three and a half stone overweight kills as many people as valvular heart disease.

The ideal weight is partly a matter of taste perhaps, but it has been given as 10st. 4lb. for a man of 5ft. 6ins. (You add or take away roughly 4lb. for every inch of height.)

For a woman of 5ft. 3ins. the right weight is about 9st., adding or subtracting 3lb. or 4lb. for every inch above or below this height.

On and off

BY the end of 24 hours they had put on a pound or so, which looked hopeful for the theory. Unfortunately, however, Professor Dodds was never able to persuade his volunteers to put up with the balloons long enough to get any definite results—other than "mirth and sardonic comments," as he says.

Unlike so many other things, the ideal in weight can certainly be attained. (That, at least, is a fact, whatever the uncertainties about the cause of fatness. The weight can be reduced at will, given determination and self-control. If you deprive the body of food, it cannot help but lose weight.)

It does mean deprivation—that has to be faced—but it need not be so bad if you know what you are doing. Your doctor may give you a dextro-amphetamine pill to reduce the appetite, but even without these there is no need to feel hungry.

NON-FATTENING FIRST-CLASS DINNER

• YOU can have a first-class dinner without eating any of the really fattening foods. "Carbohydrates"—starchy foods such as bread and potatoes—are the worst offenders.

Here is a menu which avoids them fairly rigidly:

Oysters.
Clear soup.
Sole baked in wine.
Roast turkey. (Chicken, or Pheasant, if preferred.)

Brussels sprouts. Cauliflower.
Raspberry Melba.
Fresh fruit salad. (No sugar.)
Mushrooms and bacon.

N.B.—No toast or bread of any description must be taken. If you are being very strict, miss out the raspberry melba.

• DRINK is a problem. One dry martini is as fattening as a bun and butter. A double whisky is equal to three boiled eggs—and it takes a five-mile walk to cancel it.

A pint of beer is just as bad. Wine is a little better. A glass of champagne is the equivalent of a bun without butter. There is no escaping the fact that alcohol is fattening, but, if you do drink, wines are better than spirits or beer.

If you are very much over weight and have to reduce a lot this is bound to be rather a miserable process, but when once you have reached the weight you want it ought to be possible, by choosing your foods on scientific grounds, to live well and yet remain slim.

There are plenty of good things to eat that are not fattening.

Probably the best way to slim is not to tie yourself down to a rigid diet, but to regard your weight in rather the same light as your bank balance.

You must balance what you put in against what you use up, and carbohydrates are the coinage you must watch. Proteins are not fattening.

If you are going to watch carbohydrates intelligently, you must know how much is pre-

sent in the various foods you eat.

Here is a table showing which foods are the most fattening. It is based on their carbohydrate content, but it is not scientifically accurate.

It is approximate only, but it has been arranged like this so that it can easily be remembered.

Most fattening

A FIGURE of 100 has been given to sugar as the most fattening of these foods, and the percentage figures show how the other foods compare with sugar:

100 PERCENT SUGAR

50 PERCENT AND OVER
DRIED FRUITS. (Apples, dates, figs.)

DRIED VEGETABLES. (Lentils.)
CEREALS. (Wheatmeal, oatmeal, barley meal, pearl barley, rice.)

50 PERCENT.
BREAD. (All breads except special starch-reduced varieties.)

TOAST.

25-50 PERCENT.
Prunes, pears (dried), butter beans, haricot beans.

10-25 PERCENT.
FRUITS. (Apples, pears, green grapes, nectarines, grapes, bananas, cherries, pineapples.)
VEGETABLES. (Potatoes, parsnips.)

5-10 PERCENT.
FRUITS. (Peaches (fresh), gooseberries, currants, plums, strawberries, raspberries, melons, apricots, oranges.)
VEGETABLES. (Spring onions, beetroot, peas.)

UNDER 5 PERCENT.
FRUITS. (Blackberries, cranberries, rhubarb, lemons, olives.)

VEGETABLES. (Cauliflower, spinach, marrow, brussels sprouts, tomatoes, lettuce, cabbage, celery, cucumber, asparagus, watercress, endives, sauerkraut, carrots, radishes, artichokes, french beans, scarlet runners, boiled onions, leeks.)
N.B.—All foods listed as less than ten per cent may be eaten freely.

A-Bomb City Lives On Its Postcards

By LIONEL CRANE

HIROSHIMA.

LITTLE Yosuko San is still very pretty, although seven pieces of glass were once blasted into her face.

She came smiling into my hotel room this morning with a cup of tea, and in her black and gold kimono looked dainty enough to have stepped off one of those fragile Japanese bridges in a willow-pattern plate.

Yosuko was 17 when the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima in August 1945. Today she folded her hands and knelt on a brocade cushion to tell me what she remembered about it.

"It was a nice day," she said. "The sky was sunny and blue like a cornflower. I was at home. There was a big bang and our little house fell down. It was uncomfortable. Glasses cut my face. Look," and she pointed to seven ridges in her round smooth cheeks.

Then, almost as an afterthought, she said: "My mama San and papa San I see no more."

Yosuko kept smiling, and her voice was like a child's reciting a party piece. It sounded naive and unreal but I found later it was the attitude of the whole city.

Big business

To the rest of the world Hiroshima is another name for disaster, but here where it happened the years have dragged away the fear and awe and left a kind of pride in the fame that has come to the city.

The Bomb—which killed at least 78,150 people—has been turned into big business. The exact aiming point was a T-shaped bridge over one of the city's seven rivers and around here the ruins have been left just as they were on the day of the big bang.

The spot is now a tourist centre and hub of the souvenir trade which has become one of Hiroshima's major industries. The big attraction is the ruined Industry Promotion Hall which was formerly used for trade shows.

The cracked and blasted walls of this building, with its rusty

iron dome, stand in a garden of rubble. When I went in a Japanese workman was turning over the rubble with a rake. The guide explained he was looking for "souvenirs." He



The atom mushroom—at the 1945 Bikini test.

already had several pieces of Japanese metal in a box, but the guide said these are not so valuable as pieces of bone.

On a concrete plinth in front of the building is a carving of three doves of peace flying in front of an atomic cloud. A notice in English says: "This building, which preserves its damaged state most conspicuously, is an object of many reminiscences to the populace."

Souvenir shop

A finger-sign points to a green hut and says: "Please rest awhile in this room. Use no ceremony." Inside the rest room is like one of the cheese shops in Cheddar Gorge. But instead of cheese the attendants sell souvenirs.

These include small drinking cups dirty with atomic dust, pieces of metal that look as though they have come from a motor, and picture postcards like those on the stalls on Brighton front, except that they show a ruined city.

Outside, another souvenir stall sells pots half-melted by heat from the bomb, and American magazines with such titles as "True Love Stories" and "Experiences."

'Peace Tree'

Near the ruins, three British soldiers asked a Buddhist priest to pose for pictures on the steps of a temple. He hurried inside to put on his best robes.

Close to the temple are two pieces of charred wood labelled "Peace Tree. No more wars."

A cluster of clover grows at the foot of the tree. Each leaf has a small hole in it and botanists say this is the result of atomic radio-activity.

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

and so you see, it is necessary that we should make a big effort cheerfully to do without the use of all those power-consuming appliances... Mrs. Forthright! Some officious fool has had the infernal check to disconnect this Dictaphone!

Sharman's Job In Hollywood

From NEWELL ROGERS

NEW JOB: Miss Sharman Douglas, daughter of the former U.S. Ambassador to London, has been given a publicity job in Hollywood by producer Gabriel Pascal.

"CINDERELLA" helped Walt Disney to make a profit of £250,000 last year. It was his best year since "Snow White."

"OPERATION DISASTER" Britain's sunken submarine picture—called "Morning Departure" in Britain—wins this tribute from critic Bosley Crowther: "The good old English tradition of the stiff upper lip comes through with dignity and conviction."

THREE STUDENTS tried to telephone Stalin. They wanted to ask him whether they should volunteer at once or wait to be conscripted.

FATTEST MAN in America measured 8ft. 9ins. around the middle and was 5ft. 8ins. tall. But Bill Wetsel just missed his life-long ambition to weigh 50 stone. Now he is dead and his weight was only 48 stone.

FOOD.—The Explorers' Club dined on roast giant sloth, supposed to be 250,000 years old. A carcass of the extinct beast was found "refrigerated" in a glacier, or so the explorers swear. It tasted like veal.

DRINK.—Barrside diplomats in UNO's new skyscraper palace hopefully expected a Scotch to fall from 60 to 15 cents—the bar is in international territory. But the U.S. tax still applies, say officials. Scotch is still 60 cents (4s. 3d.).

MUSIC: Dame Myra Hess is not only one of Britain's precious dollar-earners. She is one of about six concert soloists in the world who can fill Carnegie Hall (2,760 seats). A rapturous audience for an all-Beethoven programme the other day consisted of about one man to five women.

OPINION: For the present, the wise man assumes a long period of partial mobilisation rather than that World War III is right round the corner. Then indications and defections are conquered. —James Bryant Conant, one of America's first scientists and head of Harvard University.

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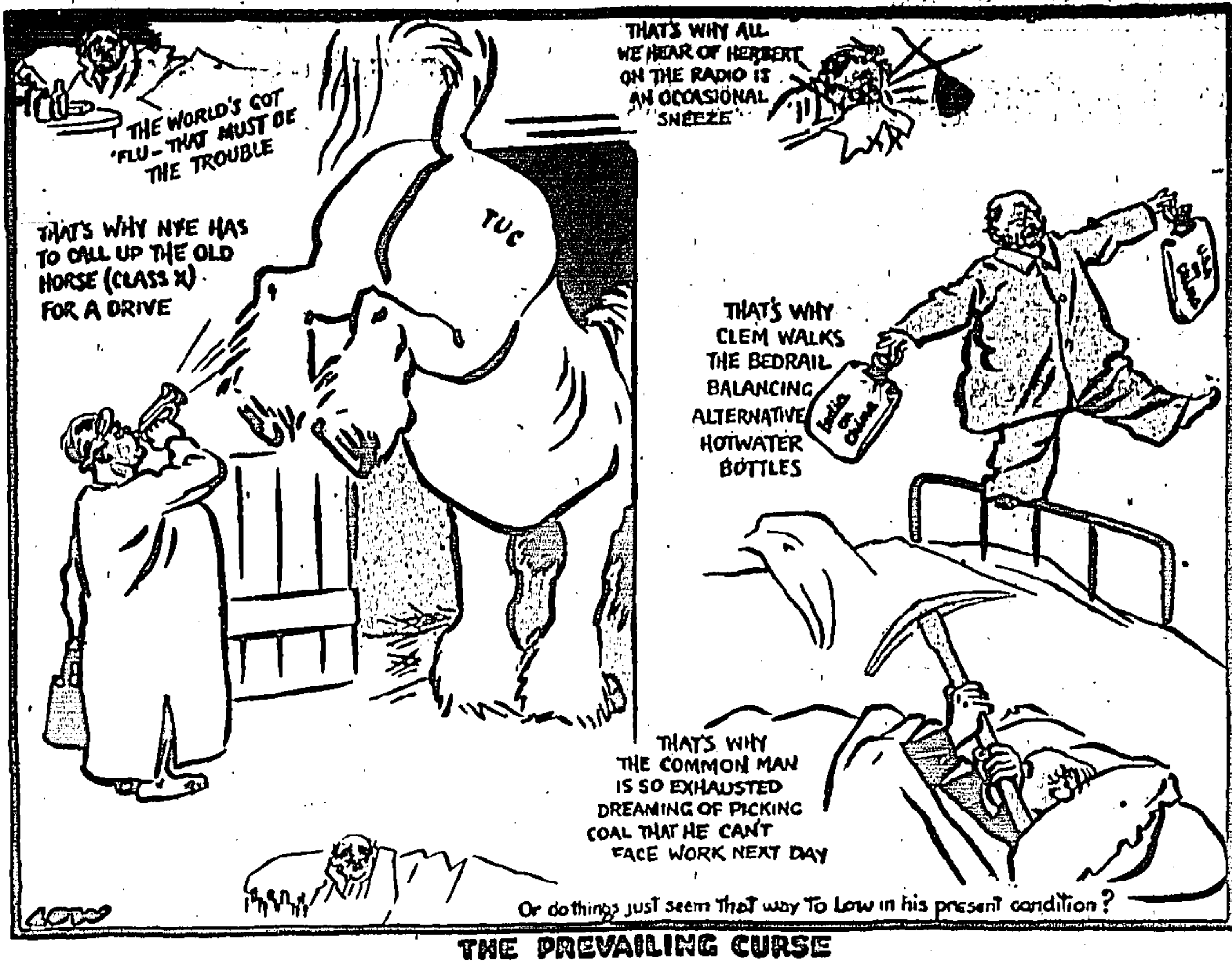
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HARRY TRUMAN FACES A DIRE TEST

By O.H. Brandon

WHEN Truman and Attlee adjourned after their first meeting an American taking part in the conference said that though the leaders are different in character and temperament—Truman a man of courage and impetuosity, Attlee determined but restrained—the difference should have a salutary effect on the talks.

Both men in their way represent the moods of two nations which are pressing their Governments hard in opposite directions.

Public opinion is clamouring for retaliation against the Chinese. In England, people want to avoid any action that would drag the U.S. into an Asian war.

Too many statements by retired generals have made Americans think that the dropping of a few atom bombs would swiftly solve any situation. Experts who have to make the decision are only too well aware, however, that the atom bomb is no short cut to victory in Asia.

BLEAK FACT

THE U.S. Government now faces the dire decision of having to explain this bleak fact to people who have been misled by flamboyant deceiving talk. Americans, who abhor uncertainty, whose nerves stood the strain of war less well than Europeans, believe it is better to get it over with now and strike in the east with the bomb, thus giving an inadequately armed Western Europe time to grow strong.

Most Americans admit that Russia is the principal enemy, and Europe the key to ultimate victory or defeat, but they consider the strategic value of Japan almost as important as Europe to the security of the U. S., whose west coast was more exposed to enemy attack in the last war than was the Atlantic coast. This factor is too easily overlooked by Europeans.

COMPLEXITIES

BUT Attlee is facing many more complexities. Overnight, Americans have become aware that Europeans mistrust American leadership and have apparently united to try to influence it. They begin to doubt the firmness and reliability of the foundation of the Atlantic community.

These are facts as hard to grasp, and as hard to accept for the Americans as any

military disaster in Korea. There has been a surge of anti-British, and even anti-European, feeling.

"After we nourished and armed them for five years," Americans argue, "after we suffered almost all the casualties in Korea, our friends are not only our most slinging critics, but then even present us with an ultimatum that if we don't accept their advice, they may choose neutrality."

Chiding the Europeans, the New York Times said: "Sometimes they forget which side, America or Russia, has gone too far."

REACTION

TO many, Britain's advocacy of avoiding war with China at all costs seems to have the familiar sound of appeasement.

Truman could not fail to reflect some of these reactions in his meetings with Attlee. However, unfortunate Truman's misquoted statement about the use of the atom bomb, world reaction to it has been as telling as a laboratory test.

The American public, hearing about the devastating reaction throughout the world, was at first bewildered and then angry, but the reaction had an instantaneously sobering effect on the American Government.

The conclusions that Truman's own military and political advisers have come to now do not differ too much from Attlee's position, so that the President will soon have to face the most dire moment in his life and cut his losses as best as circumstances will permit, and defend a policy of avoiding war with China.

THEIR IRE

WITH the lives of more than a hundred thousand Americans at stake, the politicians and the public are at present holding their breath in suspense, but soon the full impact of the over the defeat and humiliation will sweep the country like a tornado.

Unless Republicans and Democrats draw together in a united front, the nation, so aroused, will not only cry for retribution but will also want to crucify its Government. It will not only denounce Attlee's influence on Truman's decision as appeasement, but it will also become very sensitive on the lack of unity and speed in the European rearmament programme. Strong hands and nerves will be needed.

The American Government is determined, not only to continue to give full support to the European defence effort, but to step it up considerably.

Roosevelt, with his outstanding qualities of leadership, went through a terrible struggle after Pearl Harbour, convincing the Americans that, in spite of Japan's dastardly attack, it

was the 'real' menace. That had to be tackled first. Though he never fully convinced the people, he was nevertheless a leader strong enough to make his views prevail. Truman will now be facing a similar situation under worse circumstances. The tragedy of the situation is that this time Dunkirk will come before Godesberg—if, that is, there will still be a chance to negotiate.

Diplomats are at a loss, at least for the time being, in face of the military disaster, and can see no basis for negotiation, which out of humiliation and weakness could not lead to peace. Therefore, while the door for discussions with the Kremlin will be kept open, no one believes that negotiations with the Chinese would produce results.

America's position in the Far East is badly compromised now and, in order to mitigate the effects of the Korean defeat, the intention is to remain unyielding as regards Formosa and China's admission to the United Nations. In fact, economic and political sanctions against the Peking regime may be imposed by Truman. This policy will present Attlee with a dilemma.

NO GUESS

ON the one hand it will be difficult for him to reconcile it with British policy towards China. On the other, he cannot easily refuse to support such a plan.

All considerations are based on the hope that Russia will not synchronise events in Korea with an attack in Europe or the Middle East. Nobody dares guess how much time Russia will give the West to restore its concept of "peace through strength" which so suddenly disintegrated with the Korean mishap.

CORONATION STONE

Scotland Yard send Peter Hurkos his 'fan mail'

London, Jan. 28. PETER HURKOS, the 39-year-old Dutch telepathist who insists he will find the missing Coronation Stone, spent yesterday searching the wharves and Thames shore near Jamaica-road, Rotherhithe, S. E.

After two hours he said the stone was taken there soon after the theft, then moved again by lorry. Hurkos began a second stage of his hunt on Thursday. At 9.15 a.m. he went to Westminster Abbey.

He was given permission to re-examine the Coronation Chair, and for 20 minutes he knelt there, dictating to an interpreter. From there he went to the bomb-site in Tufnell-street, Westminster, where the plaque was found.

Standing on the bomb-site, he said that the plaque was thrown from a passing vehicle. He is convinced the stone was never there.

At 6 p.m. that evening Hurkos was locked away in a friend's flat with a large-scale map of London. Twelve hours later he emerged. On the map he had traced the route taken by the thieves.

The route begins on the south bank of the River in Kensington Gardens, runs through Knightsbridge, Constitution-hill, Birdcage-walk to Westminster Abbey.

After taking the stone Hurkos says the thieves crossed Westminster Bridge, drove through

Southwark, over London Bridge, through Lower Thames-street, over Tower Bridge to Rotherhithe.

He thinks the stone was moved a few days later to the Highway area of North London and he mentioned Blackstock-road and Stroud Green-road.

First stage of the Dutchman's work began on Tuesday, January 18, when he was met at London Airport by a detective-sergeant in a police car.

For three days the sergeant with police car and driver was at the disposal of Hurkos. The sergeant accompanied Hurkos to Westminster Abbey and watched him examine the Coronation Chair. Then he delivered to him the jemmy, plaque, and wristlet watch strap.

Hurkos was allowed to examine these articles in his flat.

On Thursday, January 19, accompanied by the sergeant, Hurkos was taken in the police car to Lower Thames-street, Blackstock-road, and Brick-lane, London, E.1.

On three occasions the sergeant made an inquiry following information given to him by Hurkos.

At the end of the three days Hurkos, through a friend with whom he stayed in London, sent a full report of his work to Chief Superintendent Tom Barratt, of Scotland Yard.

The report has been retained. The police have also passed on to Hurkos several letters addressed to him at New Scotland Yard.

E. V. Tullett

Really! It's not such a crime to be single

by MARY LANG

If you have decided you want a husband or wife and haven't been able to win one, the fault is probably within yourself.

That, briefly, is the chilly verdict of researcher Hilda Holland who, with a group of medical and other advisers, has compiled a mock-Kinsey report* on why men and women stay single.

Hilda Holland kicked off her researches with an advertisement in an American paper which said: "Why are you single? Write out your problem—and in doing so you may solve it." The first post brought 287 replies, and convinced her that the problem was a vital one.

Using this kind of evidence, supported by personal case-histories which seem more than naive to English eyes, Hilda Holland sets out to console and encourage those who still remain single.

On the assumption that people never stay that way because they want to, she makes a lengthy investigation of all the obstacles that keep men and women from the altar.

Under headings like Are Parents to Blame? Why Get Married? Are You Emotionally Mature? Love and Neurosis, Deserters and Partial Deserters, Momism and Madonnas, Desertion Techniques—she analyses all the probable and improbable reasons why people don't marry.

In a survey of American marriages, she finds:—

THAT a greater percentage of marriages are happy when the wife is two or three years older than her husband.

THAT the average woman lives three years longer than the average male of the same age.

THAT if a girl attends college her chances of marriage are reduced at least one-fourth. If her college is not co-educational her chances are still less.

THAT the professions you're most likely to stay a spinster in are teaching and nursing.

THAT where there are more men than women, nearly every

woman will marry. But when there are more women than men less than 50 percent of the men marry.

THAT divorced people marry at a more rapid rate than single people.

After all this—what is the author's advice to those who want to marry? Enhance your strong points, learn to get along with people, smile occasionally, be friendly, have something to talk about, read one daily newspaper, and look after your appearance.

To be sure that the marriage will be a success, she says, you must not be the type who ever says: "I've always been known as Mary's sister."

WHY MEN RESIST MARRIAGE

THE REPORT calls on Bernard Shaw and quotes the evidence of Tanner, in "Man and Superman" who asserts it is "a woman's business to get married as soon as possible and a man's to keep unmarried as long as he can." Marriage is for this bachelor "apostate, profanation of the sanctuary of my soul, violation of my manhood, sale of my birthright, shameful surrender, ignominious capitulation, acceptance of defeat." A married man is to him a man with a past, while a bachelor is a man with a future. When Anne reminds him that he need not marry if he does not want to, he answers: "Does any man want to be haunted? Yet men let themselves be haunted with a struggle for life, though they could at least give the chaplain a black eye. We do the world's will, not our own."

"When people laughed in my presence I ran from the place."

"I used to cross the street so I wouldn't meet people."

"Nobody cared what I did."

Any of these remarks, it seems, prove that you have one of those tired old psychological twins—the inferiority or the Superiority Complex.

The report pursues its main mission—Why do people stay single?—with the fervour of a Don Juan. It produces this gem: "Marriage entails a sacrifice for a man, while the missing of marriage is the sacrifice for the woman."

Yet not so many pages away we find this: "Many women are turned into partial deserters from marriage by 'a morbid obsession against household duties, intense dislike of house-keeping.'"

In a study of 1,000 engaged couples, the report says it was found that more than 35 percent of the women and 24 percent of the men had broken previous engagements, and that nearly 15 percent broke their current engagements.

It is a dismal book for the singles to read, and one that will astonish the marrieds. After 286 pages of explanation and analysis of what prevents people marrying—it seems a wonder that anyone can bring it off.

—(London Express Service)

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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SPRING FASHIONS KEEP SMALL WAIST—IN RIGHT PLACE

By EILEEN ASCROFT

NO change is the general verdict on Spring fashions, after the showing of the first four overseas collections of the Big Ten. Length remains much the same; waists are still small and in the right place; there is no startling alteration in sleeves, and plain necklines and slim skirts are still with us.

Spring colours in all collections are navy and shades of yellow. Wools are flecked and speckled, soft and smooth. Lace is important for afternoon and evening wear.

A charming fashion introduced by Victor Stiebel is a brassiere top of flowers to an evening gown. Mimosa is used with white tulle, and lilacs of the valley with blue lace.

Oriental notes

Button-holes of artificial flowers appear on tailored suits, fastened, rather surprisingly, at the waist.

Charles Creed, re-introduces the bloused back for overcoats. Oriental notes are high Chinese collars and coolie straw hats.

Other pointers from shows:

Digby Morton.—Transparent jackets of checked apricot or royal blue organza over black town dresses; self waistcoats with tulle.

Matill.—Concealed wrap-over skirts with subtle side flaring; gun-holster pockets to jackets.

Hardy Amies.—Slim skirts with triangular groups of 'fin' pleats at the back.

—(London Express Service)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Christopher Cricket's Story

—It Began When He Heard a Bell Ringing—

By MAX TRELL

THIS is the story that Christopher Cricket told to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names. They told it to me, and I'll tell it to you. But it's still Christopher Cricket's story, and you can believe it or not, just as you please.

It all began late at night, in the dark house, after everyone else but Christopher was asleep. As everyone knew, Christopher Cricket was spending the cold winter months in a snug corner of the fireplace, in a tiny space between two loose bricks.

"Well," said Christopher, "the Old Grandfather Clock has just chimed twelve. The fire was dying down. Father was still sitting in his chair, reading a book. I was beginning to think that perhaps I ought to take my guitar and hum a bit of a song, just to cheer myself up. Then, all at once I heard a strange sound. It seemed to be coming from the attic."

"What kind of a sound was it you heard, Christopher?" asked Hanid.

Sound Waves
"At first," continued Christopher, "it reminded me of the sound of waves. It was a sort of low and gentle slap-slap-slap, like little waves would make against the side of a ship. Of course, I knew it couldn't really be the sound of waves. For how would waves get up into the attic of a dark house? How would they get into a house at all? But the next moment I heard even a stranger sound!"

"Very softly, and as though they came from far, far away," said Christopher. "I heard the sounds of a bell. Eight times they sounded. I knew they didn't come from the clock. I knew they didn't come from a church. No, they seemed to come right down from the attic, just like the sound of the waves did. And then, just after the bell stopped ringing, I heard a man's voice, very harsh and gruff and muffled, as though he were calling out on a windy night from the deck of a ship: 'Eight bells! All's well!'"

"Now," said Christopher, "I'm not a very educated creature. But I have listened to older people talking. And one or two of them knew something about ships. And eight bells—or the ringing of a bell eight times—when you hear it at this time of the night, always means twelve o'clock. For sailors reckon their time differently from us. Though just how it is different, and just why are things you will have to find out for yourselves."

"But at any rate I was now sure that there was something up in the attic that had to do with a ship!"

"Oh, that's impossible!" Hanid exclaimed.

"There's no ship up in the attic!" said Knarf.



Christopher started up the stairs.

"Yes, that's what I said to myself. But nevertheless I crept as quietly out of my place in the fireplace as I could, and started slowly up the dark stairs. I glanced around at Father. He seemed to have heard nothing. He sat reading his book without even looking up."

"So up the stairs I went, past the rooms where Mother and the children were fast asleep, then up the last and steepest and darkest flight of stairs that lead into the attic. And finally there I was, right in the attic."

Moment or Two

"For a moment or two there was silence. I was wondering to myself whether, after all, I hadn't imagined everything. But then it began again. Only this time it wasn't the same as before. I heard the sound of the wind blowing, harder and harder. And the waves were crashing. And I could hear the masts of a great sailing ship creaking as it bent before the wind. Harder and still harder blew the wind. It was a storm on the sea! I was sure of it! And I heard the voice of the Captain shouting orders, and the sound of the sails being lowered, and the sound of the wheel spinning around as the ship turned, and the clanking of the anchor chain, and the sound of the sailors' foot-steps as they ran this way and that across the wooden deck."

"But I couldn't see anything except a faint shadow across the attic ceiling where the moonlight came in faintly through the little, dusty window. And the shadow bobbed up and down. 'I stayed in the attic all night, as close to where the sounds came as I could get. And in the morning... no, I didn't find a ship. But I did find, right in front of me, half covered with books and papers, an old wooden chest. And when I crept under the cover of the chest and peered inside, I found an old compass, and an old brass ship's bell, and an old shroud of sail, and an old tattered log-book. And all these things had once belonged to Father's Grandfather who had been a Sea-Captain long ago!"

Rupert's Autumn Primrose—44



The fairy lady gazed at the primrose which she had taken from the top of the hill. "How lovely!" she exclaimed. "I shall keep it for you. I found it in the autumn, little boy, but I haven't forgotten the promise I made to you. Nobody had been clever enough to win the second leg so your friend shall have it."



Edward takes it and thanks her joyfully. Then they say goodbye and leave the fair. On their way they meet the Fox brothers, who say the second prize leg, and demand to know how they got it. When they hear the story Rupert says, "Everything seems to happen to you, Rupert!" he says.

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WOMANSENSE



Absolutely Necessary To Life

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

POTASSIUM is one of those substances which, though absolutely necessary to life, are nonetheless needed in relatively small amounts. Hence, in the ordinary way we need give little thought to replenishing our supply of this chemical. There are, however, certain conditions which drain the supply to dangerously low levels and demand its prompt replacement.

Either prolonged vomiting or diarrhoea may have this effect. The surgeon who is treating a blocking of the bowel or any other condition which has markedly cut down the food intake is likely to find that his patient is suffering from a potassium deficiency. Severe injury and certain of the new drugs may also cause large amounts of potassium to be lost from the body.

Muscular Weakness

In these cases, the patient may suffer from extreme muscular weakness and even paralysis of the breathing muscles.

The amount of potassium in the blood can, of course, be determined by chemical test. Where the loss is not too great, the symptoms are milder and the patient may show only certain signs of alkalosis which means an increase in the amount of alkali in the blood and tissues. This condition also produces weakness, headache, and similar symptoms.

To prevent potassium deficiency whenever there has been any condition present which would cause a loss of this substance from the body, injections of fluids containing potassium salts should be carried out. There is a secretion from the adrenal glands located above the kidney, known as adrenal cortical hormone. This substance has been used in the treatment of arthritis, as well as in the treatment of shock. Unfortunately, its use may increase the excretion of potassium salts by the kidneys. Hence, if this substance is used, it may be well to give injections of potassium salts with it.

Of course, when potassium salts are administered, they must be given in the proper dose so that an excess is not present. Too much is as bad as too little, since an excess may cause serious heart disturbance.

After the potassium in the blood has been brought up to the proper level by injection of a potassium solution into a vein, the preparation can be given by mouth, since most common foods, such as milk, vegetables and meat contain potassium, resumption of normal eating quickly raises the potassium level in the blood to a normal concentration.

From Paris to be televised



These five leading Paris mannequins went over to London to be televised. The dresses, left to right: white tulle with silver braid; pale blue satin, trimmed with coloured mirror glass; white chiffon with ivy leaves rose lace with gold thread; and black tulle with gold and silver braid.

German Princess To Wed

PARIS. The marriage of Otto Von Hapsburg, 38, pretender to the throne of Austria-Hungary, and 26-year-old blonde Princess Regina Helena, Elisabeth Margarete Von Sachsen-Meinungen, was announced recently.

The announcement was made in Paris by Baron Charles de Werkmann, one of Otto's leading continental supporters. He said the betrothal, rumoured for some weeks, took place recently. The marriage will be performed in France, in the spring.

Baron de Werkmann said Otto is "on a trip" and will be in Paris soon. The couple spent Christmas with the mother of the bride-to-be, Duchess Klara Von Saxe-Meinungen, in Bavaria.

Princess Regina was born in Wurzburg, Germany, studied in Catholic schools and after the war took courses in theology and philosophy at the University of Bamberg. She met Otto a year ago. Duke George, her father, died after the war in a Russian concentration camp. He had served as a judge under the Nazis.

Otto is the eldest son of the Emperor Karl, last ruler of the Austro-Hungarian empire.—Associated Press.

FRENCH ACTRESS FLIES TO PARIS



Waiting at London Airport for her acceptance to Paris is 25-year-old French actress and ballet dancer, Laetitia Tobalina. She speaks very little English but will be quite at home in the film she is flying out to make—a French film.

Your Sewing Scrapbook

by Mary Brooks Picken

Party Dress Of Metallic Fabric



MANY shimmering, supple metallic fabrics are appearing in yard-goods departments, some even encrusted with 24-karat gold. Every inch of these fabrics is valuable, so choose a design that takes a minimum yardage.

Ours seems especially suitable to the "mined" fabrics, although it is equally good for satin, tulle, brocade, embroidery, wool jersey, or fake fur.

Buy two skirt lengths plus 6" for hem, plus ¾ yd. for halter bodice.

Straighten fabric at both ends. To determine bodice length, measure from neck at centre back down over fullest part of bust to waist, adding 3" for seams and "take-up" at neck. Mark this length on fabric, pull a thread to guide cutting, and cut bodice piece off.

From one selvage of remaining piece, cut a strip for sash, 6" wide and full length of piece. Cut remaining piece in half crosswise, giving you two widths for skirt. Seam cut edges of skirt pieces together; overcast the seam. Stitch selvage edges together, beginning 7" below top edge to allow for placket length.

Cut twilled tape size of your waist plus 1". Lay skirt out flat with seams at sides (placket at left). Lay sash folds on each side of centre front as shown in illustration, pinning them to tape.

In back, lay folds first at centre, then at each side, pinning them to tape. Try skirt on and adjust in front of your mirror until the folds are placed in a way most becoming to you.

Determine length and turn hem, again with consideration for becomingness. Remove skirt and stitch to tape to hold folds in place. Finish hem and placket. Split bodice piece lengthwise through centre. Make a rolled hem on each of the two lengthwise raw edges.

Lay the two lengths so selvages are together and mark on selvage the point above waist where you want "v" to begin, as at A. Baste from this point to end B. Baste opposite ends together to form halter, as at C.

Put on halter and check it for length. Put a tape or elastic waist and lay folds in front of halter at waistline, pinning them to tape and extending fabric back as far as you want, making sure it is nicely placed for you at front underarm.

Remove halter bodice and stitch folds in place, stitching around waistline free of tape. Remove tape. Baste centre front seam of bodice and mark at back of neck. Press seams open. Turn under.

GIVING YOUR HAIR ITS DUE CARE

By HELEN FOLLETT

Give your hair a quick clean-up between shampoos by saturating a pad of cotton with good quality witch hazel and rubbing it over (or massaging, a few strands at a time).

HAIR seldom receives the attention it needs and to which it is rightly entitled. We make appointments for permanent waves, trims and chic arrangements, but these are not hygienic measures that will keep the tresses shining bright, in a healthy condition. Care of the scalp must be included.

One never knows when something may happen to the hair, the nimbus. It has its good seasons, and bad ones. A physical upset, nervous strain, malnutrition, loss of sleep may make the tresses take on a depressed appearance. Constipation, face one when there is a thinning at the temples or when ringlets are not the luxuriant growth they once were.

Clean Scalp

First, a clean scalp. That means that the periods between shampoos should not exceed a fortnight. By that time there is plenty of debris created by the combination of atmospheric dust, exudations of the sebaceous and sweat glands, dead skin scales, which are constantly fluffing away. A brisk brushing should precede

the application of the shampoo agent. The programme should start with a rinsing with a bath spray and a strong current of water. No matter what is used—soap, oil or cream—there should be two applications, each followed by a prolonged rinsing. Friction of the scalp should not be limited to a minute or two. The more rubbing it gets, the cleaner the shampoo, the more beneficial the effects because of stimulation of the circulatory streams.

Quick Clean-up

For a quick clean-up between shampoos, saturate a pad of cotton with good quality witch hazel and wipe over a few strands of hair at a time.

Do not practice economy when buying a hair brush. Cheap ones have bristles that weaken and bend, so are practically worthless. Have two, the best you can find, so one will always be clean. Soiled combs and brushes can be responsible for scalp infections. Some brushes come in pretty plastic cases, in which they can be kept, free of dust.

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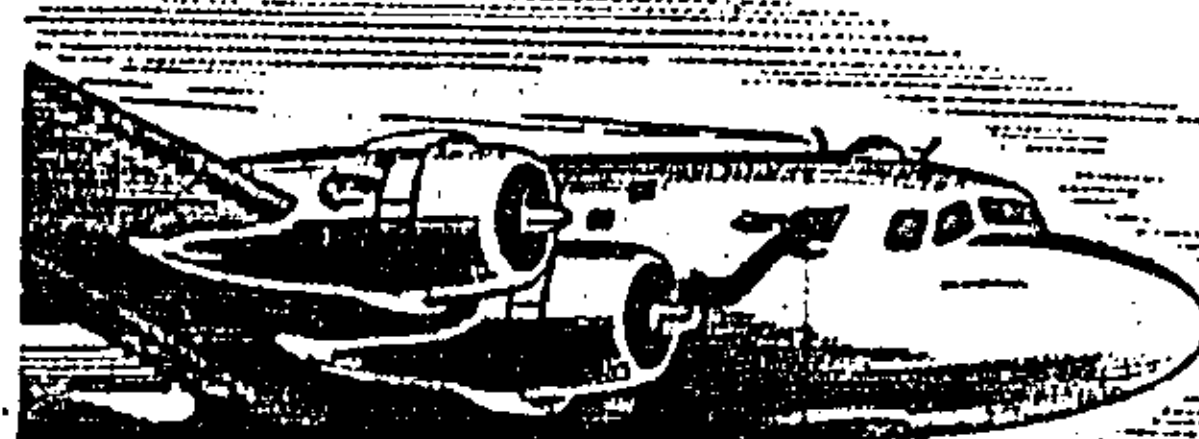
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"SHANGHAI"	Singapore & Djakarta	5 p.m. 19th Feb.
"SHANGHAI"	Singapore & Penang	5 p.m. 19th Feb.
"SHANGHAI"	Tientsin & Tientsin	5 p.m. 25th Feb.
"SHANGHAI"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 25th Feb.

ARRIVALS FROM

"SHANGHAI"	Keelung	7 a.m. 11th Feb.
"SHANGHAI"	Bangkok	14th Feb.
"SHANGHAI"	Moji	15th Feb.
"SHANGHAI"	Tientsin & Tientsin	15th Feb.

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SAILINGS TO

"CHANGSHA"	Sydney, Melbourne	Noon 17th Feb.
"CHANGSHA"	Japan	18th Feb.
"CHANGSHA"	Japan	7th Mar.

ARRIVALS FROM

"CHANGSHA"	Yokohama	7 a.m. 14th Feb.
"CHANGSHA"	Sydney & Ports	15th Feb.
"CHANGSHA"	Sydney & Ports	3rd Mar.

BLUE FUNNEL LINE

Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said

"AUTOLYCUS"	London & Holland	10th Feb.
"CLYTONUS"	Casablanca, Dublin & Liverpool	25th Feb.
"ASTYANAX"	Genoa, London & Holland	2nd Mar.
"PELEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Mar.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

	Sails	Arrives
G. "MEMNON"	28th Dec.	12th Feb.
S. "ASTYANAX"	4th Jan.	15th Feb.
S. "TEUCUS"	6th Jan.	15th Feb.
G. "TEUCUS"	13th Jan.	17th Jan.
G. "CALCHAS"	21st Jan.	25th Mar.
S. "ANCHISES"	28th Jan.	11th Mar.
G. "AGAPENOR"	4th Feb.	18th Mar.
G. "PATROCLUS"	13th Feb.	28th Mar.
S. "AENEAS"	21st Feb.	4th Apr.
G. "BELLEROPHON"	28th Feb.	4th Apr.

G. Loading Glasgow before Liverpool.
S. Loading Swansea before Liverpool.
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HK/Singapore (DC-4)	Noon Wed.	4:10 p.m. Thurs.
HK/Manila/B.N. Borneo (DC-3)	6:30 a.m. Mon.	4:00 p.m. Tues.
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"BENCLUECH"	do	22nd Feb.
"BENVOELICH"	do	13th Mar.
"BENVOELICH"	do	20th Mar.
"BENVOELICH"	do	2nd Apr.
"BENVOELICH"	do	16th Apr.

SAILING Loading on or abt.

"BENVOELICH"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Rotterdam	17th Mar.
"BENVOELICH"	do	6th Apr.
"BENRINNES"	Havre, London & Rotterdam	Buoy A-11
"BENCLUECH"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hull	10th Feb.
"BENVOELICH"	do	20th Mar.
"BENVOELICH"	do	20th Apr.

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IMPORTANT legal decisions are coming over as thick as starlings at dusk. The other day magistrates ruled that a loaf of bread sold in slices is not a loaf. Whatever it is, says jolly Jack Hopkins, with a light laugh, it is not bread. But if a baker sells a loaf cut into two thick slices, is it two half-loaves or one sliced loaf? And if the whole loaf is sold as one slice of bread, how can it be a sliced loaf? Moreover, if a number of unsold slices are stuck together and sold as a loaf, is it an unsliced loaf until it is re-sliced, and then a loaf again when it is once more de-sliced and re-sliced before a final re-de-loading?

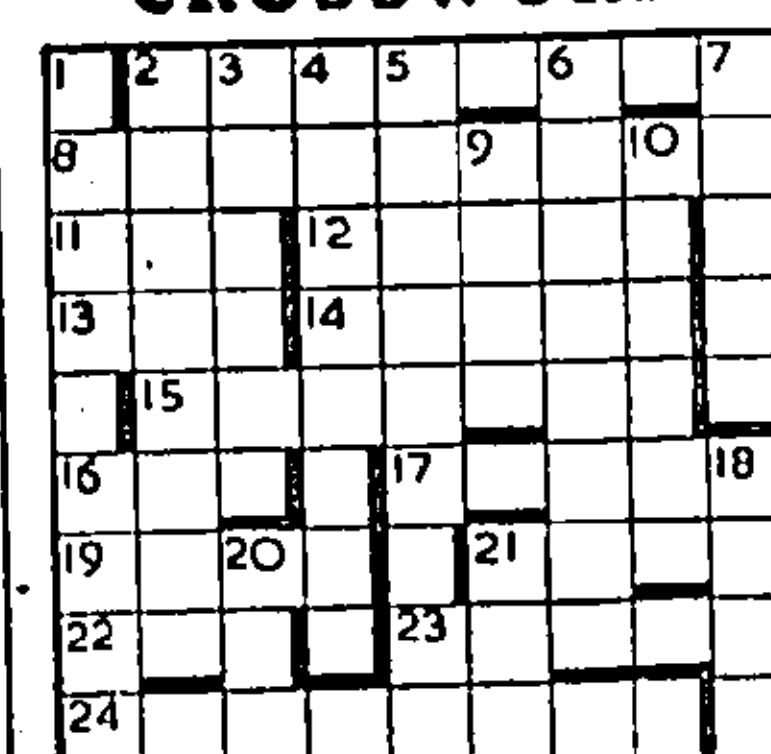
When is a cake not a cake?

THEN, becoming bolder, I ask if a sausage sold in bits is a sausage, presuming, for the sake of making an academic point, that it ever was sausage? It is impossible to forget, in this connection, the stir caused by the famous case of Alderman Tillyard and Smoother Lamp-Wicks Ltd. versus Lady Cleaver, Connie Bapchild, and Rhoda Melhuish. Here it was ruled that a cake, partially sliced, that is to say, marked by the knife all round for future slicing, was not a cake. It was therefore disqualified from the cake-weight-guessing competition at the Catterham Public Baths Jam-boree. Need I say more? Nay, need I have said so much?

Was it folderol?

A CIRCULAR issued by 38 Government Publicity Agents announces that the Special Emergency Interim Judicial Commission has heard all the so-called evidence in the stomach case and is now preparing a lengthy report on the whole question of the folderol found, or not found, in one of Mr "Tuffy" Corker's rhubarb puffs. The taxpayer may like to know that the 241 witnesses flown from various quarters were housed at Government

CROSSWORD



1. They mostly have their eyes behind them (9)
2. Right-handedness (9)
3. Found in a bad olive grove. (8)
4. Shout in a crowd. (5)
5. Match (4)
6. Place in Algeria for Dame E. (5)
7. Originally the gullies. (7)
8. Found in a regulated pond. (8)
9. Contents produce cars. (5)
10. Exist next morning. (4)
11. Late again upset. (4)
12. Out you go with this before. (3)
13. When you've got it you've got it. (5)
14. Nobody omitted. (3)
15. A one and a half is easy to get. (4)
16. Search a tree for this. (6)
17. Introduced from abroad. (6)
18. A mob may need after this. (4)
19. A fox and a wren. (6-3)
20. Spirit of the air. (5)
21. It has been thumbed. (4)
22. Plant with prickly head. (6)
23. Take a letter from the shell. (4)
24. Women guard its secret. (3)
25. Also the last clue down. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1. Tallyman; 2. Oculous; 3. Tally; 4. Tally; 5. Tally; 6. Tally; 7. Tally; 8. Tally; 9. Tally; 10. Tally; 11. Tally; 12. Tally; 13. Tally; 14. Tally; 15. Tally; 16. Tally; 17. Tally; 18. Tally; 19. Tally; 20. Tally; 21. Tally; 22. Tally; 23. Tally; 24. Tally; 25. Tally; 26. Tally; 27. Tally; 28. Tally; 29. Tally; 30. Tally; 31. Tally; 32. Tally; 33. Tally; 34. Tally; 35. Tally; 36. Tally; 37. Tally; 38. Tally; 39. Tally; 40. Tally; 41. Tally; 42. Tally; 43. Tally; 44. Tally; 45. Tally; 46. Tally; 47. Tally; 48. Tally; 49. Tally; 50. Tally; 51. Tally; 52. Tally; 53. Tally; 54. Tally; 55. Tally; 56. Tally; 57. Tally; 58. Tally; 59. Tally; 60. Tally; 61. Tally; 62. Tally; 63. Tally; 64. Tally; 65. Tally; 66. Tally; 67. Tally; 68. Tally; 69. Tally; 70. Tally; 71. Tally; 72. Tally; 73. Tally; 74. Tally; 75. Tally; 76. Tally; 77. Tally; 78. Tally; 79. Tally; 80. Tally; 81. Tally; 82. Tally; 83. Tally; 84. Tally; 85. Tally; 86. Tally; 87. Tally; 88. 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London Shares' Firm Tone

London, Feb. 8.
The London Stock Exchange showed a generally firmer tone in domestic stocks with resumed re-investment of proceeds from steel share sales.
Government stocks were firm, and oils were particularly good on investment buying. Gold shares were mixed but copper were dull on persistent sales.
Motors and breweries moved to higher levels. Rubber shares were strong and tin higher.
Financial Times' Index: 122.1—Associated Press.

Boom In Japanese Bonds

New York, Feb. 8.
Another spurge of demand for Japanese obligations provided the only punch today in the slowest bond market of 1951.
Eleven Japanese issues pushed higher from US\$10 to nearly US\$65 for a one thousand dollar bond.
Japanese bonds had been moving higher since around the turn of the year, but demand reached the urgent stage on Wednesday when a number of issues moved up to US\$60 higher. The boom market was just as lively today and bonds with an aggregate value of US\$282,000 were transferred.
City of Tokyo Fives gained US\$4 at 42, while Ujigawa Electric Power Sevens added 60 at 580. Government of Japan 5 1/2s advanced 50 at 670 and Shinyetsu Electric 6 1/2s closed up 60 at 670. The two-day gain for the Japan 5 1/2s was 87 while appreciation since the first of the year amounted to 202.
Big gains of the past two days coincided with the visit of Ambassador John Foster Dulles to Tokyo in an effort to effect a peace treaty.
Italian bonds of the two to three per cent series of 1977 also demonstrated strength.—Associated Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Feb. 8.
Tin prices were marked up some 25 sterling at today's morning session, but the market was quiet. There were no business in spot.
Prices closed today at the end of the official morning session as follows:
Spot tin, buyer 1,420
Spot tin, seller 1,435
Three-months tin, buyer 1,410
Three-months tin, seller 1,420
Business done at 1,420
Settlement 1,420

MALAYA RECORD

Singapore, Feb. 8.
The price of Malayan tin spurred to a new record high today, selling at Straits \$723 per picul.
This is a boost of Straits \$18.02 1/2 over Monday's previous high.
Rubber sold at Straits \$2.36 per pound, equalling the peak price registered last November. This is a gain of 11 cents over Monday's closing.
Both the tin and rubber markets did a booming business after the two-day Chinese New Year's celebration. Continental Europe and South American orders were particularly heavy for tin.—Associated Press.

THE RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Feb. 8.
Rubber futures closed today 25 to 75 points lower, with sales totalling 12 contracts. The market eased after a sharply higher opening, conforming generally with the trend at London.
Prices closed today as follows:
Spot 74
March 74.00 traded
May 74.00 traded
July 74.00 traded
United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Feb. 8.
Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:
Number 1 rubber, in cents 60-71
Per lb. 60-65 1/2
March 60-65 1/2
April/June 60-65 1/2
October/December 60-65 1/2
United Press.

STORE MARKET

Singapore, Feb. 8.
Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:
February 220-241
Number 1 rubber, March 224-225
Number 2 rubber, April 225-227
Number 3 rubber, February 225-227
Number 4 rubber, February 225-227
Spot rubber, unbleached 240-243
Black crepe 100-102
No. 1 pale crepe 80-82
United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:
Sterling note (per £) 10.87
U.S. dollars (per \$1) 10.80
Hong dollars (per \$1) 10.80
Shanghai (per 100) 24.50
Singapore (per 100) 24.50
Rangoon (per 100) 18.50

Concerted Effort To Keep Rubber From Iron Curtain Nations

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Feb. 8.
As the London rubber conference enters its fourth day trade circles here are becoming convinced that it has resolved into a concerted effort by Britain, America and France to win the "independent" rubber-producing countries over to a unified policy aimed at preventing rubber supplies reaching Communist countries.

Despite official disclaimers that the present conference has anything to do with the commodity groups envisaged in the recent OEEC announcement—disclaimers which by the way have failed to impress well-informed observers—it is believed the present meeting is a preliminary political skirmish to pave the way for an international scheme designed to funnel all available rubber supplies into the Western powers' defence industries.

The strength of the American team at the conference seems to confirm the view that the United States is the moving spirit behind the present series of talks.

American policy has three main objectives: to obtain supplies of natural rubber for her strategic stockpiling, to stabilise the price of the commodity at a considerably lower level than that now quoted in the world markets, and to eliminate competitive buying between Communist and non-Communist countries.

Having failed to achieve these purposes by bulk purchasing America is now trying to get agreement on an international allocation scheme and the purpose of the London conference is believed therefore to be to offer long-term contracts to "neutral" rubber producing countries whose co-operation is vital if the proposed scheme is to be effective.
If America succeeds in this purpose the next step would be to convene a meeting of representatives of rubber producers and consumers to discuss the technical aspects of international allocation. The producers would demand a high price for their co-operation if it entailed closing down the free markets but this demand might be met by an American assurance that the price would not be allowed to fall below a guaranteed minimum level in the event of easing of world political tension and consequent slackening of demand for rubber.
The consuming countries on the other hand would be mainly concerned to ensure that America was not allowed to draw supplies away from their own industries. A clue to a possible solution of this problem is contained in the official statement of the conference which says that the participants will "review the supply and demand position for natural and synthetic rubber...and consider what action, if any, is necessary or desirable to secure equitable distribution of supplies which are expected to be available."

SIGNIFICANT SIGN
Inclusion of synthetic rubber in this context is significant. When the American Government-owned plants are producing to capacity they will be turning out 80 percent of the total non-Communist world production of synthetic rubber. Canada, another participant in the London conference, is the only other Western country which produces the synthetic product.
If, therefore, the amount of natural rubber which would go to America under any international allocation scheme meant that other consuming countries would go short of supplies, they might be offered American synthetic rubber to fill the gap.
This, however, is to presume the success of the present London conference of "civil servants and diplomats." Most difficult obstacle preventing agreement on any form of international control over rubber supplies is the problem of obtaining the co-operation of countries like Indonesia and Ceylon which are anxious to stay neutral in the East-West tug of war. There will be much time bargaining before this obstacle is surmounted—if it ever is.

The new record price quoted for spot rubber today in London is an indication that trade circles are now firmly convinced that the international allocation scheme is on the stocks.
Today's closing price was 60d buyers' 71d; sellers.
One sale was made in Liverpool at 70 pence.

Cotton Exchange Suspension

New York, Feb. 8.
The Cotton Exchange decided today to extend trading suspension through Saturday this week. Some quarters believed that the Price Controllers had finally "whipped up something definite" but was holding back, awaiting the word from White House and Congressional developments. President Truman today disclosed that he had referred the question of price control back to the Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Brannan to look into the situation.—United Press.

Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Feb. 8.
The Bank of France statement for the week ending Feb. 1 reads as follows:
Total gold holdings 102,704,771.240
Total of other currencies 4,201,070,843
Total 4,303,775,614.240
Reserves 178,229,002,230
Sight balance 129,000,000,000
Discounted bills 278,271,003,101
France and abroad 1,770,234,740,619
Current accounts & deposits 124,707,123,220
United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business transacted on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$245,950. The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follow:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HSBC Bank	1200	1300	
East Asia	100		
INSURANCES			
Union	635	30 @ 635	
ROC Fire	125		
DOCKERS, ETC.			
N. P. Wharf	70		
Dock	12 1/2	250 @ 12.00	
Provident	10.10	100 @ 20	
Wheelock	10.10		
LAND, ETC.			
HSBC Hotel	6.00	500 @ 0.75	
HSBC Land	35	100 @ 35	
Shel land	1.20		
Hampshire	7 1/2	200 @ 7 1/2	
UTILITIES			
Tram	12 1/2	3000 @ 12 1/2	
Star Ferry	6	500 @ 12 1/2	
C. Light (O)	0.10	5000 @ 0.20	
C. Light (N)	3.00	2000 @ 3.00	
C. Light			
(Bor)	0.10	5000 @ 0	
Electric	25 25 1/2	70 @ 24 1/2	
		200 @ 25.50	
		500 @ 25 1/2	
		1000 @ 25 1/2	
Telephone	9 1/2		
Industrials			
Cement	12 1/2	1000 @ 12 1/2	
Hope	12 1/2		
STORIES, ETC.			
Dairy	13	1700 @ 13	
Dairy (N)	11 1/2	12	
Watson	20 1/2		
Lee	20 1/2		
Sincere	20 1/2	500 @ 0	
Sun Co.	1.00		
UTRONIS			
Ewo	2.40		

N.Y. Sugar Market

New York, Feb. 8.
World-sugar futures closed here today 1 lower to 1 higher, with sales totalling 51 contracts.
Domestic sugar futures closed today 2 to 3 lower, with sales totalling 175 contracts.
Prices closed today follows—
Contract No. 4 (world)
March 4.87 bid
May 4.90 bid
July 4.90 bid
September 4.90 bid
Spot 4.90
Domestic No. 11
March 5.45 bid
May 5.45 bid
July 5.50 bid
September 5.50 bid
Spot 5.50
—United Press.

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N.Y. Cotton Exchange

New York, Feb. 8.
The New York Cotton Exchange will be closed again this week. This means the Exchange will not reopen at least until Tuesday. Monday is an official holiday, Lincoln's birthday.—United Press.

New York Exchanges

New York, Feb. 8.
Closing foreign exchange:
Canada 95.25
Holland 26.28
Venezuela 30.05
Others were unchanged.—Associated Press.

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"STRAAT SOENDA" 17th Feb. 24th Mar.
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